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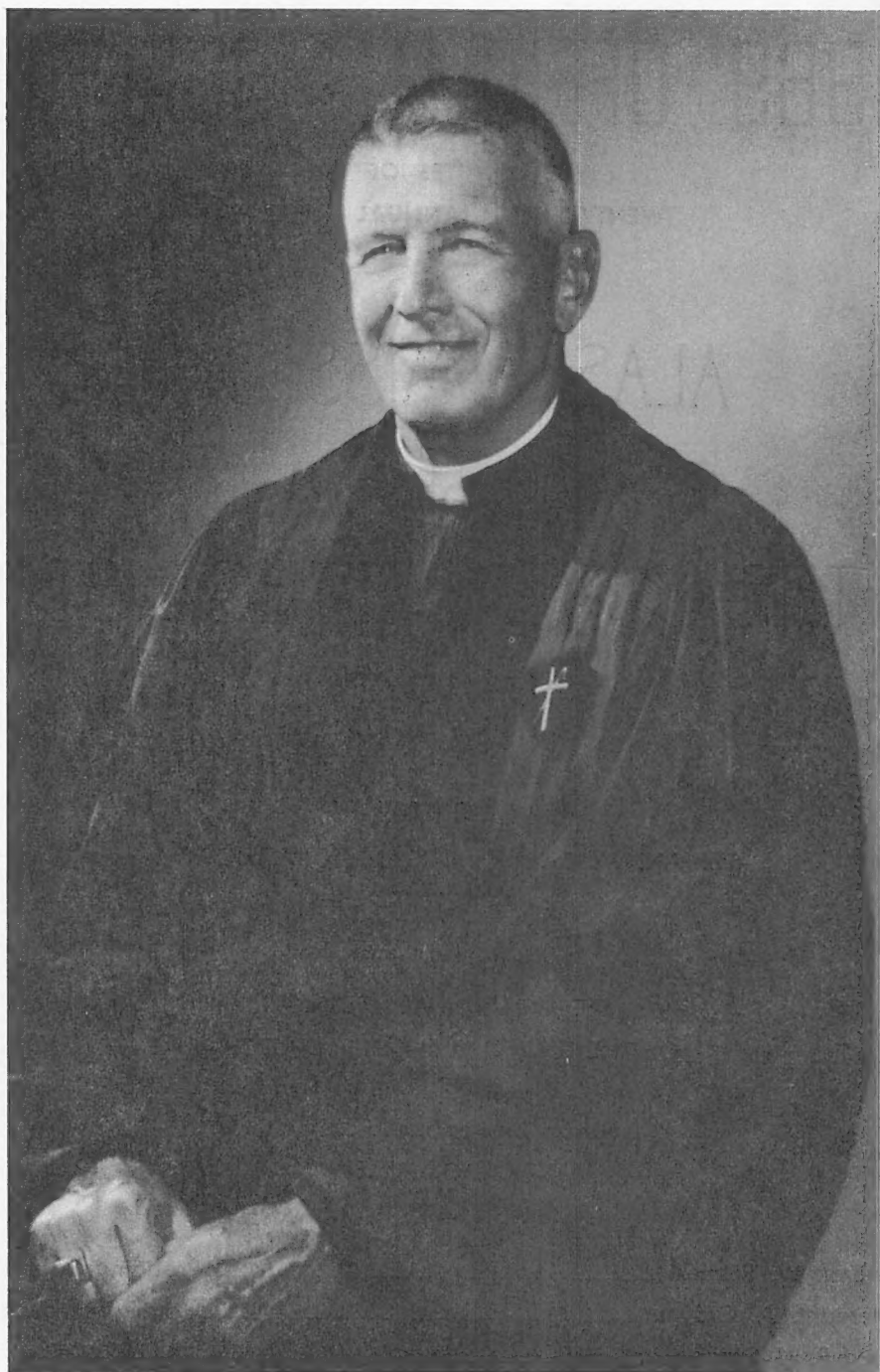
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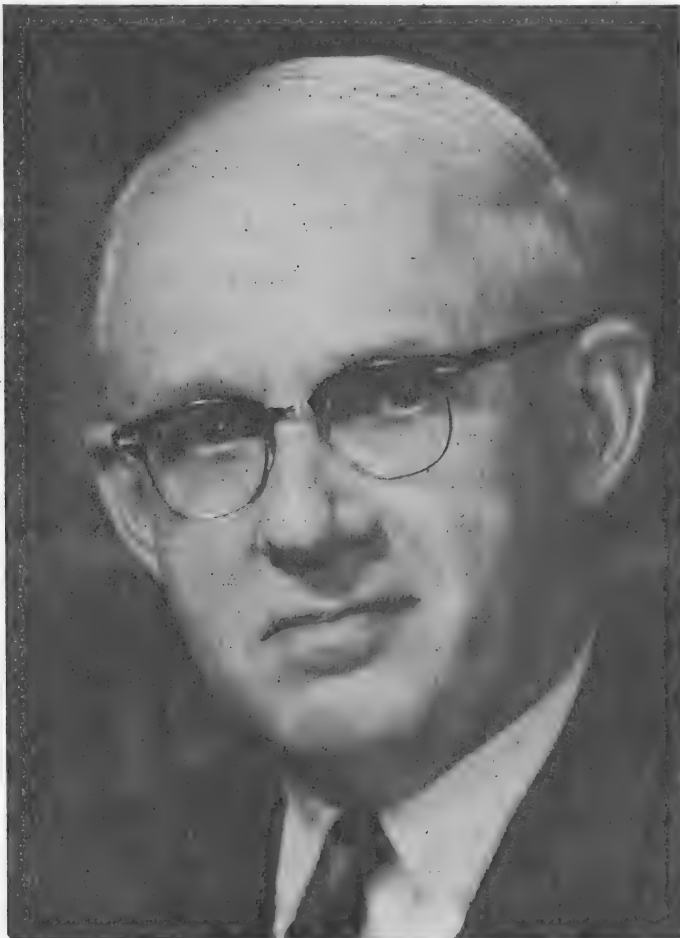
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Bishop F. Gerald Ensley

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In such ministries as the Welcome Center, Coffee Umbrella, and FISH in Anchorage and similar ministries elsewhere, Methodists are serving, inspiring and often giving that boost that makes these most meaningful.

I am proud to share in the developments and ministries of the ministers, missionaries, lay people, and staffs in these creative and productive years.

I appreciate more than I can say the very close fellowship between ministers and their families with which we work in Alaska.

Ecumenism

This will be reported elsewhere but I must say a word.

In Alaska we have always loved and worked with each other. In the past five years gigantic steps have been taken in Christian Unity and Work. We are on the verge of vast developments here that will strengthen and multiply our Christian witness.

What a joy it has been to work in closest fellowship with such men as Bishop William J. Gordon of the Episcopal Church, John Molletti of the American Baptist Church, Roland Armstrong, Orrin Stratton, William Pritchard, Alexander Campbell of the Presbyterian Church, Archbishop Ryan and Bishop Whelan of the Roman Catholic Church and Bishop Theodosius of the Russian Orthodox Church and their clergy and laity as we work together to build Christ's Kingdom in the 49th State.

Among these, is my colleague, Rev. Walter Lee Hays, Jr., our beloved "ecumaniac," President of the Alaska Council of Churches, and Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alaska Missions, who sees a job to be done in Christian Unity, assumes it is completed, and takes steps to make it so. (e.g. The March for the Children of Biafra)

The thrilling impact of pioneer experiences on the Kenai Parish, at Fairbanks, in Churches and Student work and other places point the way to dynamic power for the Church of the Living God in Alaska.

Alaska Methodist University

Fourteen years I have been either a member of the committee planning AMU or a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Fred McGinnis — Mr. Methodist Church in Alaska —. What a ministry as pastor, Mission Superintendent and University President. AMU is a lengthened shadow of this great man. The Methodist Church across America and the people of Alaska owe him a great debt for helping a dream come true.

We pay tribute, too, to Dr. P. Gordon Gould, the Aleut boy who grew up in Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska, went on to college and graduate school and became a successful minister in New York State. **He dreamed a dream** of a Christian College for the Youth of Alaska. He spent a large part of his life telling that dream to the Methodist Church—now we have AMU.

Jesse Lee Home

Richard Gilbert has had and is having a great ministry in enlarging and vitalizing this much needed institution. But more—he leads with other like institutions, challenges the state to meet the needs of its children and is spiritual leader to many who seek to minister to acute human need in our midst.

Wesleyan Hospital

Mrs. Pelts, administrator, and Dr. Phillips, loved doctor, are doing an excellent job in improving services and ministries at Wesleyan Hospital.

Maynard McDougal Hospital

The Board of Trustees, Frank Couch, Chairman, with changes of Administrators and doctors, continue the vital ministry of this hospital to the entire Seward Peninsula.

Lavina Wallace Young Community Center

LWY Community Center has had an enlarged ministry through use of Vista Workers. With a specialist, Miss Weeks, coming for a few weeks, and a new director later, with Fund for Reconciliation hoped for, and Bishop Palmer's great interest, it is destined to play a very large part in bringing to the people of Nome the abundant life.

We do appreciate more than we can say the ministers and wives and the laymen of the Alaska Mission. Their welcome was most Alaskan and Christian. Their cooperation and fellowship is the highlight of this position. We have one of the greatest teams in the world.

In the Fund for Reconciliation we feel that we will minister in depth to human need in the days ahead far beyond our fondest dreams.

I am grateful to the staff of the National Division and the Joint Section on Education and Cultivation, especially the ADVANCE DEPARTMENT, the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, the Members of the Board and the hosts of Methodists who have supported our work and made miracles possible in our Methodist Witness in Alaska. I mention only a few of the staff: Dr. Snoke, Dr. Carothers, Dr. Rice, Dr. Komuro, Albert Adams, Miss Burris, Dr. Clapsaddle, Dr. Miller, Dr. Sexton, Dr. Pemberton, Dr. Cook, Dr. Williams, Dr. Johannaber and many others that have encouraged us, and lent support in most substantial ways in our work. We look forward with anticipation to the work of Dr. Joe Walker. Dr. Alton Lowe and his staff in the Finance and Field Service have served us well and have helped us to raise many hundreds of thousands of dollars in Alaska for Alaska work.

We thank our office staff: Marybeth Sturgis, Pat Cole, Gail King, Francis Giddings for their faithful efficient service that keeps the wheels of the mission turning.

My loved wife, Esther, deserves my thanks for letting me go here and there across Alaska and the rest of the world. She thought it crazy for old people like us to come to Alaska—perhaps it was—but she became "worse than the worst" in her love, loyalty, and enthusiasm for Alaska, its people, and the work of our church.

I must express my appreciation for the great leadership of Bishop A. Raymond Grant who appointed me as Mission Superintendent. Last years report suggested a little of the tremendous impact he made on Alaska.

We appreciate Bishop Phillips leadership, for his friendly and foresighted interim leadership.

And now, Bishop Palmer, with his warm friendship, his highly disciplined life, and his far sighted vision mean much to me and the future of Methodism in Alaska.

We take formal retirement—we hope to continue to share in the work of our Lord in this great hour that clamors so loudly for spiritual help and guidance. Always we will cherish our years in Alaska as a very bright period in our lives.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Board of Education

Walter Lee Hays, Jr.

In his remarkable little book of meditations on the life of Christ, "Meet the Man," Albert van den Heuvel gives a simple definition of mission as "telling people why." As I look back on my sixth year of service in the Alaska Mission, this seems to sum up the thrust of my efforts.

This past summer my wife, my credit union and I entered into an even more everlasting covenant as we were a part of an ecumenical study seminar to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches and European Centers of Renewal. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience; I have appreciated greatly the opportunities I have had to share this experience with local newspapers, churches of our mission and other special settings.

The following topical summary will indicate how I have spent my time and energies as your executive secretary in "telling people why" during this past year:

Youth Work

Methodists can be justly proud of the key role they have played in the development of the International Christian Youth Exchange Program in Alaska. This past year we helped sponsor in part or entirely ICYE exchanges in Juneau, Ketchikan and Kenai; a cooperative group in Anchorage has formed a sponsoring committee and Anchorage will receive her first exchange from ICYE this summer. Tom Wilson of First Methodist Church in Juneau will spend this coming year in Germany as part of a two-year exchange. The Alaska Mission has the singular honor of placing more young people on the national "Youth Fund/World Mission Team" than any other annual conference. In the past four years we have had seven of our finest young men and women serving in this special project in serving in the mission of the church. This past summer Miss Lee Anne Ellis of First Methodist Church, Ketchikan, served on the staff of Marcy Center in the ghettos of Chicago, Miss JoAnne Alter was on the staff of an inter-racial camping program of the Bethlehem Center in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Miss Jean Woodring served in the heart of Appalachia at the Heart and Hand Settlement House in Phillipi, West Virginia. We are doubly proud of Miss Woodring, President of the Anchor Park UMY, for she has become the first Alaskan youth elected to the fifteen-member national executive council of United Methodist Youth and also serves on the General Board of Missions and on the editorial advisory board of Youth Leader Magazine.

This has been a busy year in the area of youth ministry with area convocations in Anchorage and Juneau (for all of Southeast Alaska) and special retreats and programs in Nome, Ketchikan, Valdez, Kenai, and a highly successful Kenai Peninsula retreat held in Seldovia, led by the pastors of the Kenai Peninsula and Dr. Groves, with 92 youth and adults in attendance. We had made good use of the new curriculum resources for United Methodist Youth—especially those weekend pacs designed for retreats on the themes of vocation, poverty and the meaning of Christ's death.

Mass Media

A special word of appreciation is due several of our parish ministers for their work as host for TRAFCO produced weekly radio series "THE WORD AND MUSIC." Those who have broadcasted this popular series that combines a conversational format with good religious music include: John Tindell (Sitka), Tom Dahl (Juneau) and Robert Bowers (Seward). In addition it is carried state-wide on AFRN (Armed Forces Radio Network) and has been broadcast by Episcopal and American Baptist clergy in Petersburg and Cordova. Placements are pending in Anchorage and Fairbanks. In addition Walter Warner of Ketchikan deserves special recognition for his delightful weekly five-minute broadcast for children in the remote areas adjacent to Ketchikan, "UNCLE WALT'S STORY TIME."

Audio Visual Library

We have continued to add resources to our conference AV library. Its value is attested to by the number of non-Methodist rentals and membership fees that have been received this year. Joel DeVore has been an excellent technician to keep our 16 mm films in good repair. A completely revised catalog will be issued in multiple copies to each church in the early fall.

Summer Service Projects

The Alaska Mission continues to profit greatly from the concern and hard work of our summer volunteers who have given of themselves generously in numbers of projects in the past several years. This past summer, groups from the West Michigan Conference, First Methodist Church, Everett, Washington; and a national MSM summer service group served in Sitka, SE Alaska Methodist Camp, St. John United Methodist Church, Birchwood Camp, AMU, the Homer Parish, and in Nome. Their work included both teaching experiences with the children and youth of these communities in special summer day camp, VCS and recreation programs and thousands of hours of hard manual labor. (A feature story on the West Michigan Conference's team of 44 members will appear in the March 1970 issue of the UMC senior high magazine *Face To Face*.)

Ecumenical Concerns

I am now serving in my first year of a second term as President of the Alaska Council of Churches. At the 11th annual assembly, the three congregations in Alaska of the Lutheran Church in America came into full council membership. Other highlights of the year include the color feature article in the March issue of *Together* magazine of the ACC's centennial mural and the positive response of the state legislature to start treating alcoholism in a positive response aimed at education and rehabilitation rather than the punitive "framework" that has been the state's past history. The ACC's paid legisla-

Women's Society of Christian Service report was read by Mona Cramer for President Grace Wilson. Report was approved. Jean Stassel was introduced to give some details on the School of Mission, August 15-17, 1969.

Meredith Groves introduced Louise Weeks, a special worker from the National Division assigned to Nome for some special study of the program there.

Mrs. Everett Palmer was presented by her husband, Bishop Palmer.

Ministerial Training Report was given verbally by Meredith Groves. Pastor's School will be February 9-12, 1970, with Ernest Jones as Dean. Speakers: Bishop Everett W. Palmer and Dr. Larence E. Toombs of Union College of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. It was recommended that consideration be given to hold a Pastor's Wives retreat in 1970-71. Question was raised about the financing of the school. Nothing definite was included in regard to this. Dr. Groves moved approval. Seconded and carried.

Nominating Committee Report was presented by acting chairman, David Fison. After some corrections the total report was approved, section by section.

Business session adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Evening Worship was led by Liturgist Larmon V. Stennis, pastor of the First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Anchorage. Special music was provided by a choir from the same church. Bishop Ensley spoke on "Christian Perfection."

Thursday, May 29, 1969

Business Session called to order by Bishop Palmer at 9:34 a.m., following an address by Bishop Ensley, entitled "Christ's Message to the Unsuccessful."

Christian Social Concerns Report given by Bob Bowers. Adoption was moved by Bob Bowers. Seconded. Eugene Walters amended the General Welfare section by adding a statement on Legal Aid Services. Seconded and carried. Bill Searby moved to refer the entire section of the ABM System for inclusion of the viewpoint that our national leaders have a problem of defense for the nation, even though the ABM may not be the solution. Seconded and referred. The rest of the report was approved as amended except for that section referred.

Meredith Groves moved that Ac Wischmeier, Doris Staley and Walter Lee Hays, Jr., be authorized to sign checks with one signature required. Seconded. Leo C. Cramer moved to amend by adding the words: "Being different than the signature authorizing payment." Seconded and carried. John J. Shaffer moved to amend by adding Leo C. Cramer as a fourth authorized signer. Seconded and carried. Motion as amended then carried.

Business session adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Bishop Palmer opened the session with the singing of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Dr. Harry Komuro of the National Division of Missions addressed the Annual Meeting.

John J. Shaffer moved that any news releases prepared for news media include a clear statement as to the nature of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission which adopted all resolutions. Seconded and carried.

Referred section of the Christian Social Concern report on ABM System read and approved.

Bill Staats moved to reconsider the grade point figures in Superintendent's Office before printing in the Journal. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Robert Nelson moved that the Annual Meeting request an annual report of the President of the Alaska Council of Churches. Seconded and carried.

There was a brief time of sharing when any who desired to do so, spoke to the Annual Meeting. David Fison moved that a message of congratulations be sent to Ray Baines on his new responsibility. Seconded and carried.

A discussion took place on the use of the Communion Offering. The Bishop suggested the Fund for Conscience and Race. All agreed to this.

Bishop Palmer mentioned that Walter Warner was in his 40th year as a minister. Leo C. Cramer shared greetings from Benjamin Laird. David Fison shared greetings from Harold Diehl and Roger Thompson. Walt Hays shared greetings from Richard Heacock.

Committee on Appreciation report read by Chairman Mrs. Walther. Report adopted.

Bishop Palmer read the appointments for the coming year.

David Fison moved that following the service in the evening, the annual meeting be adjourned sine die.

At 7:30 p.m. a Service of Celebration for the Commissioning of Missionaries and A Convocation of United Methodist Youth was held in the Earl Brown Chapel at Alaska Methodist University. Commissioned as Missionaries were Rev. and Mrs. Ac C. Wischmeier and Rev. and Mrs. John H. Walther. Miss Jean Woodring and Joel DeVore were youth liturgists in the service. Also participating were Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Dr. Harry Komuro, Dr. Meredith A. Groves and Bishop Everett W. Palmer who spoke on the subject "Use What You Have."

Following the service, Bishop Palmer presented a plaque to the outgoing superintendent which read: "Dr. Meredith A. Groves, Ernest Christian, inspiring Leader, and dedicated Churchman. In recognition of meritorious service as Superintendent of the Alaska Mission 1964-1969. Appointed MEMBER EMERITUS. Bishop Everett W. Palmer."

Bishop Palmer then introduced those missionaries in the Alaska Mission that had never been commissioned and declared that it was done retroactively. Dr. Fred McGinnis was recognized "in absentia." Others introduced were Dr. and Mrs. Meredith A. Groves, Mrs. L. Eugene Groves, Rev. and Mrs. Max Cramer, Mrs. Fred McGinnis and Rev. and Mrs. David Fison.

Following the service, an open house was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Leo C. Cramer for all delegates and visitors.

COMMISSIONED MISSIONARIES May 29 1969

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ac C. Wischmeier

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Walther

RETROACTIVELY COMMISSIONED (year to Mission)

The Rev. and Mrs. Max W. Cramer (1966)

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. David K. Fison (1960)

Mrs. L. Eugene Groves (1964)

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The Rev. and Mrs. Frederick P. McGinnis (1950)

RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

I. Disciplinary Provisions 1968

Paragraph 658:

A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the bishop in charge, who shall preside. In the absence of the bishop, the Superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting, and arrange the work. For rules governing the administration of the Missions in the home field see Paragraph 652-53, 1336.

Paragraph 652:

Each Provisional Annual Conference or Mission at its annual session shall appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the president of the conference, to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each pastoral charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the charge. Such estimate shall be subject to modification of the Board of Missions immediately concerned.

Paragraph 653:

A charge within a Provisional Annual Conference or Mission may receive aid from the Board of Missions without having been designated by the conference at its meeting.

Paragraph 1336:

1. In home fields outside of an Annual Conference, or among racial groups, work under the care of the Board of Missions not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference shall be administered as a MISSION.

2. The Mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, mission traveling preachers, and other lay members. The number of lay members and method of their appointment shall be determined by the Mission.

3. The bishop in charge of a Mission may appoint a superintendent of the Mission or as many superintendents of the Mission as may be wise and for whom support has been provided. He shall determine the groups or charges over which respective superintendents shall have supervision.

4. A bishop or in his absence one of the superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission, shall preside at the annual meeting. This mission shall exercise in a general way, the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license persons to preach, to pass on the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial mission traveling preachers, and to recommend to an Annual Conference proper persons for deacon's orders. The presiding officer shall, at the annual meeting, assign the missionaries and mission-traveling preachers to the several charges for the ensuing year; provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from the Mission without previous consultation with the National Division.

5. Examination of lay pastors and traveling preachers shall be held by the Mission and certified to an Annual Conference. The Mission shall also make recommendations for reception on trial in an Annual Conference.

II. Rules

A. Organization

1. Convening: The Annual Meeting shall meet on the date set by the bishop as provided in the Discipline. (Par. 658) The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the Mission, the secretary of the Mission, the lay leader and associate lay leader of the Mission, and the pastor and lay leader of the of the local church. In the event that AMU is host, the president or his representative shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Voting members of the Annual Meeting shall be those indicated in Paragraph 1336.2 of the Discipline as that section is clarified time to time by the presiding officer upon request of the Meeting.

The secretary shall present to the Meeting a list of lay and ministerial members on the first day of each annual session.

3. Officers: At the Annual Meeting following the General Conference, after the roll call, the Meeting shall complete its organization by electing a secretary, treasurer, and a statistician, with power to name their assistants. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the nominating committee, providing that additional nominations may be made from the floor. These officers shall be elected for one year.

4. Commissions and Committees: The standing commissions, and committees of the mission shall be as follows: Commissions on Christian Social Concerns, Education, Evangelism, Missions, and World Service and Finance, and Committees on Appreciation, Audit, Ministerial Qualifications, Nominations, Pensions, Rules, and the Alaska Mission Historical Society. Membership on commissions and committees shall be by annual election, with a slate to be presented at the beginning of each Annual Meeting by the Committee on Nominations, providing that additional nominations may be made from the floor. Ministers appointed to the Alaska Mission between Annual Meeting elections may be assigned by the Mission Superintendent to commissions and committees, serving until the time of the next Mission election.

Delegates of the Alaska Mission to the Alaska Council of Churches who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, with such election to take place at the third Annual Meeting following the General Conference.

All officers of the Mission and chairmen of commissions and committees of the Mission requesting, receiving, and/or administering funds of the Alaska Mission's Commission on World Service and Finance may be advisory members only, without vote, of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Annual Meeting shall elect such other commissions and committees as necessary to carry out its work.

The Committee on Nominations, of which the superintendent shall be the chairman, shall be nominated and elected from the floor following the election of commissions and committees and shall assume responsibility at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which it was elected.

Members of the Annual Meeting be limited to 4 years in succession as Chairmen of Boards, Committees and Commissions. They shall have at least one year between chairmanship of same Board, Committees or Commissions.

Members of the Annual Meeting shall serve as elected members of not more than 4 Boards, Committees or Commissions concurrently.

B. Procedures

1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, he may proceed, restricting his remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the Meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting, at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Annual Meeting.

5. Ordained Methodist ministers, other than those covered under Section A, Paragraph 2 of these rules, serving in Alaska under appointment, deaconesses, and lay missionaries serving under special appointment by the Board of Missions shall be seated at the Annual Meeting and given the privileges of the floor without vote.

Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

7. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern on all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Annual Meeting or the Methodist Discipline do not apply.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Conference Journal of the Alaska Mission shall be submitted to the secretary in quadruplicate by April 30, preceeding the annual meeting.

10. Lay members shall be elected quadrennially from each church in the Mission by Quarterly Conference of said Church.

C. Resolutions and Motions

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of person presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor be referred to the appropriate committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

D. Journal

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the Official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the Official Journal shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

3. Printing and distribution of the Official Journal of the Alaska Mission will be arranged by secretary in consultation with the superintendent of the Alaska Mission and the Division of National Missions.

E. Amendments

The rules of the Annual Meeting may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Meredith A. Groves

Welcome to Alaska! To our new leaders, Bishop and Mrs. Everett W. Palmer and Rev. and Mrs. Ac Wischmeier.

We are grateful to have you.

Your great leadership and achievements in many phases of your lives make us know that you will lead Alaska Methodists, Christian forces in Alaska, and our entire citizenry in a great Christian witness and ministry for our Lord in the 49th State.

You come to work among a wonderful people. You will enrich us in Christ. We feel we will do the same for you.

We welcome Bill and Danita Trudeau to Douglas in the Juneau-Douglas Parish, where exciting developments are taking place in Douglas and in the entire parish.

Also Jack Walthers and his charming family to Soldotna-Tustamena where a church was moved, two congregations joined and Soldotna takes part in the exciting progress of the Kenai parish.

The only minister leaving the mission this year is the Superintendent. He leaves by calendar, not by choice.

My Experience in Alaska

1955—My first visit to Alaska as plans were being formed to start Alaska Methodist College. I sensed the following: Alaska, The Great Land, has a future—the economy is shaky—based mostly on the military—our first line of defense.

We hope we can build a college—we hope we discover oil—we wonder !!!

1964—We came to live in an earthquake stricken state. WE WILL BUILD BETTER THAN BEFORE. WE DID!

1969—Near miracles have happened in almost every phase of Alaskan life—economy—statehood and new laws—the natives and their place—the church.

I do not believe half the things that have happened in the past 14 year—even the past 5 years. We knew back there that many of these happenings were impossible. BUT THEY HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

NOW WE LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TO GREATER DEVELOPMENTS. The past is prologue. The future holds almost unbelievable promise for the state—the economy—(a billion dollar oil lease? ? ?)—the natives, the Church—for all Alaskans in every phase of our lives.

These Figures Tell A Story

Statistics give only a skeleton of what really occurs—But they do give some indication—

THE METHODIST CHURCH IN ALASKA

	ABOUT 1945	IN 1955	IN 1964	IN 1969
Membership	800	3,000	3,886*	4,083
Value of Churches	\$16,000	\$125,000	\$2,659,343	\$5,535,945
Benevolent Giving	\$ 1,100	\$ 9,000	\$ 25,275	\$ 31,191

* 619 were counted as non-resident, so really the count was 3,267. This practice has stopped.

Five years ago we had 3,267 on the active roll. We lost 2,744 by transfer, death, action of the Quarterly Conference. We received 2,614. During these five years we have welcomed almost as many into our fellowship as were in the membership five years ago.

IN 1955

Money in gifts from the National Division was as follows:

For Church Extension

World Service	\$ 348.35
Week of Dedication, etc.	52,299.55
Advance	47,184.78

TOTAL

\$ 99,832.58

For Missionary Salaries, etc.

World Service	37,788.68
Special Funds	2,574.11
Advance Specials	17,057.53

TOTAL

54,420.32

Also that year Alaska received from the Division for
Alaska Methodist College from Advance Specials

31,349.99

TOTAL

\$185,602.89

DURING FIVE YEARS 1964-69

Grants from the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church for Church Building, land, etc. totaled \$2,111,689 or an average of \$427,922 per year.

Grants for salaries, programs, etc., totaled \$626,661 or an average of \$125,332 per year.

In addition the Division probably pays \$50,000 per year on insurance, travel for out side vacations, etc. All this comes in addition to the large sums made in loans to churches to help in their building programs.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE CHURCHES HAVE PAID

For Church Buildings, debt payment, etc.

\$ 770,721 or an average of \$154,180

For salaries and other expenses

1,281,295 or an average of 256,295

Total

\$2,052,016

\$410,475

In addition there have been very great developments at Alaska Methodist University, at Jesse Lee Home, and outstanding programs of service at Wesleyan Hospital in Seward, the Maynard McDougal Hospital and Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center.

A total of more than \$20,000,000 has been spent by Alaska Methodists in the past five years in buildings and programs in our churches and institutions.

In services given to Alaska by our institutions we save the tax payers of Alaska about \$2,000,000 yearly. A large part of this money comes from our fellow Methodists in the "lower 48." If we did not do these things they would not be done or the taxpayers would have a greatly enlarged bill.

Also in Community Services and anti-poverty programs our churches are becoming increasingly involved. Our buildings are used largely. We give personnel. We give inspiration and guidance.

In such ministries as the Welcome Center, Coffee Umbrella, and FISH in Anchorage and similar ministries elsewhere, Methodists are serving, inspiring and often giving that boost that makes these most meaningful.

I am proud to share in the developments and ministries of the ministers, missionaries, lay people, and staffs in these creative and productive years.

I appreciate more than I can say the very close fellowship between ministers and their families with which we work in Alaska.

Ecumenism

This will be reported elsewhere but I must say a word.

In Alaska we have always loved and worked with each other. In the past five years gigantic steps have been taken in Christian Unity and Work. We are on the verge of vast developments here that will strengthen and multiply our Christian witness.

What a joy it has been to work in closest fellowship with such men as Bishop William J. Gordon of the Episcopal Church, John Molletti of the American Baptist Church, Roland Armstrong, Orrin Stratton, William Pritchard, Alexander Campbell of the Presbyterian Church, Archbishop Ryan and Bishop Whelan of the Roman Catholic Church and Bishop Theodosius of the Russian Orthodox Church and their clergy and laity as we work together to build Christ's Kingdom in the 49th State.

Among these, is my colleague, Rev. Walter Lee Hays, Jr., our beloved "ecumaniac," President of the Alaska Council of Churches, and Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alaska Missions, who sees a job to be done in Christian Unity, assumes it is completed, and takes steps to make it so. (e.g. The March for the Children of Biafra)

The thrilling impact of pioneer experiences on the Kenai Parish, at Fairbanks, in Churches and Student work and other places point the way to dynamic power for the Church of the Living God in Alaska.

Alaska Methodist University

Fourteen years I have been either a member of the committee planning AMU or a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Fred McGinnis — Mr. Methodist Church in Alaska —. What a ministry as pastor, Mission Superintendent and University President. AMU is a lengthened shadow of this great man. The Methodist Church across America and the people of Alaska owe him a great debt for helping a dream come true.

We pay tribute, too, to Dr. P. Gordon Gould, the Aleut boy who grew up in Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska, went on to college and graduate school and became a successful minister in New York State. He dreamed a dream of a Christian College for the Youth of Alaska. He spent a large part of his life telling that dream to the Methodist Church—now we have AMU.

Jesse Lee Home

Richard Gilbert has had and is having a great ministry in enlarging and vitalizing this much needed institution. But more—he leads with other like institutions, challenges the state to meet the needs of its children and is spiritual leader to many who seek to minister to acute human need in our midst.

Wesleyan Hospital

Mrs. Pelts, administrator, and Dr. Phillips, loved doctor, are doing an excellent job in improving services and ministries at Wesleyan Hospital.

Maynard McDougal Hospital

The Board of Trustees, Frank Couch, Chairman, with changes of Administrators and doctors, continue the vital ministry of this hospital to the entire Seward Peninsula.

Lavina Wallace Young Community Center

LWY Community Center has had an enlarged ministry through use of Vista Workers. With a specialist, Miss Weeks, coming for a few weeks, and a new director later, with Fund for Reconciliation hoped for, and Bishop Palmer's great interest, it is destined to play a very large part in bringing to the people of Nome the abundant life.

We do appreciate more than we can say the ministers and wives and the laymen of the Alaska Mission. Their welcome was most Alaskan and Christian. Their cooperation and fellowship is the highlight of this position. We have one of the greatest teams in the world.

In the Fund for Reconciliation we feel that we will minister in depth to human need in the days ahead far beyond our fondest dreams.

I am grateful to the staff of the National Division and the Joint Section on Education and Cultivation, especially the ADVANCE DEPARTMENT, the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, the Members of the Board and the hosts of Methodists who have supported our work and made miracles possible in our Methodist Witness in Alaska. I mention only a few of the staff: Dr. Snoke, Dr. Carothers, Dr. Rice, Dr. Komuro, Albert Adams, Miss Burris, Dr. Clapsaddle, Dr. Miller, Dr. Sexton, Dr. Pemberton, Dr. Cook, Dr. Williams, Dr. Johannaber and many others that have encouraged us, and lent support in most substantial ways in our work. We look forward with anticipation to the work of Dr. Joe Walker. Dr. Alton Lowe and his staff in the Finance and Field Service have served us well and have helped us to raise many hundreds of thousands of dollars in Alaska for Alaska work.

We thank our office staff: Marybeth Sturgis, Pat Cole, Gail King, Francis Giddings for their faithful efficient service that keeps the wheels of the mission turning.

My loved wife, Esther, deserves my thanks for letting me go here and there across Alaska and the rest of the world. She thought it crazy for old people like us to come to Alaska—perhaps it was—but she became "worse than the worst" in her love, loyalty, and enthusiasm for Alaska, its people, and the work of our church.

I must express my appreciation for the great leadership of Bishop A. Raymond Grant who appointed me as Mission Superintendent. Last years report suggested a little of the tremendous impact he made on Alaska.

We appreciate Bishop Phillips leadership, for his friendly and foresighted interim leadership.

And now, Bishop Palmer, with his warm friendship, his highly disciplined life, and his far sighted vision mean much to me and the future of Methodism in Alaska.

We take formal retirement—we hope to continue to share in the work of our Lord in this great hour that clamors so loudly for spiritual help and guidance. Always we will cherish our years in Alaska as a very bright period in our lives.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Board of Education

Walter Lee Hays, Jr.

In his remarkable little book of meditations on the life of Christ, "Meet the Man," Albert van den Heuvel gives a simple definition of mission as "telling people why." As I look back on my sixth year of service in the Alaska Mission, this seems to sum up the thrust of my efforts.

This past summer my wife, my credit union and I entered into an even more everlasting covenant as we were a part of an ecumenical study seminar to the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches and European Centers of Renewal. It was a never-to-be-forgotten experience; I have appreciated greatly the opportunities I have had to share this experience with local newspapers, churches of our mission and other special settings.

The following topical summary will indicate how I have spent my time and energies as your executive secretary in "telling people why" during this past year:

Youth Work

Methodists can be justly proud of the key role they have played in the development of the International Christian Youth Exchange Program in Alaska. This past year we helped sponsor in part or entirely ICYE exchanges in Juneau, Ketchikan and Kenai; a cooperative group in Anchorage has formed a sponsoring committee and Anchorage will receive her first exchangee from ICYE this summer. Tom Wilson of First Methodist Church in Juneau will spend this coming year in Germany as part of a two-year exchange. The Alaska Mission has the singular honor of placing more young people on the national "Youth Fund/World Mission Team" than any other annual conference. In the past four years we have had seven of our finest young men and women serving in this special project in serving in the mission of the church. This past summer Miss Lee Anne Ellis of First Methodist Church, Ketchikan, served on the staff of Marcy Center in the ghettos of Chicago, Miss JoAnne Alter was on the staff of an inter-racial camping program of the Bethlehem Center in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Miss Jean Woodring served in the heart of Appalachia at the Heart and Hand Settlement House in Phillipi, West Virginia. We are doubly proud of Miss Woodring, President of the Anchor Park UMY, for she has become the first Alaskan youth elected to the fifteen-member national executive council of United Methodist Youth and also serves on the General Board of Missions and on the editorial advisory board of Youth Leader Magazine.

This has been a busy year in the area of youth ministry with area convocations in Anchorage and Juneau (for all of Southeast Alaska) and special retreats and programs in Nome, Ketchikan, Valdez, Kenai, and a highly successful Kenai Peninsula retreat held in Seldovia, led by the pastors of the Kenai Peninsula and Dr. Groves, with 92 youth and adults in attendance. We had made good use of the new curriculum resources for United Methodist Youth—especially those weekend pacs designed for retreats on the themes of vocation, poverty and the meaning of Christ's death.

Mass Media

A special word of appreciation is due several of our parish ministers for their work as host for TRAFCO produced weekly radio series "THE WORD AND MUSIC." Those who have broadcasted this popular series that combines a conversational format with good religious music include: John Tindell (Sitka), Tom Dahl (Juneau) and Robert Bowers (Seward). In addition it is carried state-wide on AFRN (Armed Forces Radio Network) and has been broadcast by Episcopal and American Baptist clergy in Petersburg and Cordova. Placements are pending in Anchorage and Fairbanks. In addition Walter Warner of Ketchikan deserves special recognition for his delightful weekly five-minute broadcast for children in the remote areas adjacent to Ketchikan, "UNCLE WALT'S STORY TIME."

Audio Visual Library

We have continued to add resources to our conference AV library. Its value is attested to by the number of non-Methodist rentals and membership fees that have been received this year. Joel DeVore has been an excellent technician to keep our 16 mm films in good repair. A completely revised catalog will be issued in multiple copies to each church in the early fall.

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tive representative, Jack Randall, is given a great deal of credit by all quarters for his primary role in this change of philosophy that is beginning to recognize the needed response of the state to this number one health and social problem.

During the past year in Anchorage my weekly newscast "NEWS OF THE RELIGIOUS WORLD" gained the joint sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Anchorage (Along with the Greater Anchorage Council of Churches) and a co-announcer Fr. Dennis Corkery. We are told that we are one of the three or four places in the nation where such a weekly radio newscast is under joint Protestant-Catholic sponsorship.

There was overwhelming public response to the visit of Gerhard Elston, Director of Vietnam Affairs for the National Council of Churches in Anchorage and Fairbanks. This ACC project that Dave Fison and I coordinated received strong support from our Mission CSC Board and local service clubs, the Anchorage Chapters of the World Affairs Council and the Alaska Bar Association.

Community and State Involvement

During the past year I also served on the Alaska Judicial Council's Statewide Committee on the Appellate Review of Criminal Sentencing. I was the only clergyman on the 45-man committee; it was a great educational experience for me and the legislature did pass our recommendations regarding appellate review.

In Anchorage this past fall I served on the Mayor's committee for United Nations Week. With strong help from the ACC, our Board of Christian Social Concerns and the League of Women Voters and the Central Labor Council, a study seminar emphasis was added for the first time. Former Alaskan Dick Heacock, now with the Church Center for the U.N. made a tour of Ketchikan, Juneau and Fairbanks in conjunction with the Anchorage U.N. Week emphasis. Robert Goldberg, son of the former United States-U.N. Ambassador was the other key Anchorage resource person.

The thrill of this year for me was the Anchorage Walk for the Children of Biafra held May 10. Over 2,000 walkers participated; 1,132 finished the entire 31 miles of the course. Over 50,000 miles were walked as a tangible expression of concern for the people of Biafra. To date over \$51,000 has been received as proceeds from the walk for Biafran relief and rehabilitation. This represents the largest single effort led primarily by youth for Biafra in the nation. I was proud to be a co-organizer of the walk and a member of the adult advisory committee. Hundreds of Anchorage Methodists deserve great praise for their promotion of the walk, participation as walkers and sponsors, and work in the total administrative effort.

This year I was privileged to tell the story of the AMUMC in Florida and Nebraska as I spoke in conjunction with meetings I attended "Outside." My ministry was enabled by the clergy and laity of the mission, my patient and understanding wife, and the rarest of all superiors, Dr. Meredith Groves, who can only be described in the words of Robert Service (who else will do!) as a man with the "noble heart of a Viking and the simple faith of a child." Mission is telling people why; I've tried to tell you how.

PASTOR'S REPORTS

**We are printing pictures of churches we have received.
Next year we will print others.**

Anchor Park United Methodist Church

Leo C. Cramer, Pastor

As I pause to reflect on the past year I feel a deep sense of joy and gratitude toward the people of Anchor Park Church. It has been a good, enjoyable and fruitful year in many ways. It has been a year of achievements and a year with some failures, a year of joy and a year with sorrows.

Our statistical records show that this has been a year of many moves for our people. Again we have discovered that we must run fast to stand still and run harder to get ahead numerically in our membership.

A great deal of emphasis was placed on calling as a part of our ministry this year. Tremendous support was given by the Circles of the W.S.C.S. and the Membership Evangelism Commission to this project. With our Sister Church at Chugiak we spent many hours calling on persons of this community and in the Chugiak-Eagle River area. Approximately fifty of our members were involved in telling the story of Christ and Our Church to interested persons in our area.

Last summer I was privileged to go to school for a week at Tacoma, Washington, to learn more about the Gospel of John. In July I participated in the School of Christian Missions as the teacher of the study of this Gospel. As a result of this and as a result of a tremendous interest in Bible Study among the adults of Anchor Park Church I have taught three Bible courses during the Church School hour this year. To work with eager and learning Adults is one experience that every Pastor should have the right to enjoy.

Financial problems continue to harass us. We struggle with debt payments, operational expenses and current expenses of the Church. Our belts have been tightened and retightened—we do not lose heart—and we look forward to hard work and new days as part of the answer to these problems.

We have continued to make necessary building improvements. The entire inside of the Church educational wing and the sanctuary received new coats of paint this year. Countless hours of volunteer labor went into these projects. Due to an excessive amount of vandalism, we found it necessary to replace almost \$1,000 worth of windows through this year. Adequate furnace and equipment repairs have also been made as needed through the year.

The educational program of the church has continued to be a thriving part of our total ministry to persons. Team teaching has been a part of the program again this year. This has proven to be a very meaningful experience for all of us and a very effective method of presenting the message of God to persons through our Church School. Our Vacation Church School last summer was a highly successful experience in terms of attendance and involvement. We are now looking forward to the beginning of our school in June.

Anchor Park has always been a singing Church and this year

was no exception. We had an outstanding year in the area of choral involvement. Our three choirs involved 90 persons in various groups through the year. A "Preacher" can never say thank you enough for the beauty and encouragement offered to him and the congregation through the efforts of these choral groups. The Youth and Sanctuary Choirs now have the privilege of wearing new robes, these being purchased last fall.

Our Advent Season was highlighted this year by the arrival of several planned guests during our moments with the children. Dramatic presentations of persons associated with the Birth of Christ were well received and much appreciated not only by the children but by all those worshipping with us. During the Lenten Season we also had several programs which shared with us the Easter Message. The dramatic presentation of FEAR and THE STORY OF EASTER were both services that caused us to pause and reflect on the tremendous gift of God through the life of Jesus Christ. WORSHIP THROUGH THE ARTS was a program designed to share with us the many ways in which one finds a meaningful expression for his thoughts about God. The ability to appreciate what others see and feel enabled us to appreciate more the many ways in which God works in our world.

In closing I would express personal thanks to the many persons who gave of themselves and their time while the pastor was "on the shelf" this year. To Dr. Groves who was a real "Pastor's Pastor" while I was in the hospital and home recuperating. To the many Laymen of the Church who served as Worship Leaders and who drove the Pastor around for his calling and hospital visitations. These were days to remember and be thankful for the People of God who live and work at Anchor Park.

Anchorage — East Anchorage

Max W. Cramer, Pastor

Paul declared as recorded in Romans 14:12, "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."

I thing Methodist pastors understand this bit of Scripture as well as anyone can. Accounting of ourselves and our stewardship of our calling and our ministry comes often. So, once again we give an accounting of ourselves. The accounting is to God as well as to the Annual Meeting.

We first give God thanks for another good year in East Anchorage. We thank Him for the good laymen who have helped the church to go and grow. From our small beginning of three years ago with 33 people meeting in the Chester Valley School to our present building and 147 members is good reason to rejoice. We are glad for the wonderful works of God with His people.

We are thankful for the faithful people who are taking hold of leadership responsibilities. Indeed this will help bring the Kingdom to light for many people.

Our potential is great. We are centered in 3 large housing developments, and two large trailer courts. We will conduct an intensive survey this summer to help determine our further responsibilities to people. We will continue to trust God for a vital and effective witness in the East Anchorage area for Christ and his Church.

Anchorage First United Methodist Church

Eugene H. Walters, Pastor
Donald Hartman, Associate

We are now completing our second year at First Church and again we deeply appreciate the really fine help provided through the lay leadership of our church. It is always a thrill to see concern increase and attitudes toward selfless service grow within the hearts and actions of people. Certainly this has been true in many lives this last year. Still, we fall short of putting into action even a small part of our capabilities.

Again I would like to express my appreciation for the dedicated help given by Rev. Donald Hartman. His inspirational and responsible leadership in education, evangelistic calling and worship has allowed the church to reach out in many areas.

The stewardship program was very successful this year with an overall increase in giving and the commission has acted promptly on all financial matters. Our concern to keep church costs to a minimum has paid off in many ways. All bills are current including regular payments made to the conference.

Our worship services were put to some disadvantage by a turnover of 26 choir members during the summer of 1968; however,, they did recover. Special programs such as the "Roger Williams" reading directed by Robert Briscoe and the Good Friday drama, written by Roger Klann have provided us with hope that much more can be done during the Sunday morning worship next year.

We were pleased that the National Board of Missions was willing to help us obtain the two lots adjacent to Baxter Hall on 8th and G. This has proven to be a very timely purchase as property prices have climbed and the need of parking and church school space has increased. There is a feeling among many that prospects for building church school space be carefully investigated. It is my feeling that we should look carefully into the areas of community service that are not presently being supplied but that could be included in our building plans.

A serious need we have at First Methodist Church is to study the "COCU" reports (Consultation on Church Union) and to meet with members of neighboring churches in dialogue. We are rapidly approaching the time when all cooperating churches will be considering proposals on church union and we must be prepared.

Both Carolann and I would like to express our appreciation for the love and guidance given to us by Dr. and Mrs. Groves. We have felt that Meredith and Esther have truly been friends and supporters in all we have done.

Girdwood United Methodist Church

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

The 1968-69 year has been one of experimentation as new methods have been sought to relate the church to the total Girdwood-Alyeska community. New worship times and programs were instituted in seeking to increase interest in the church.

A new pastor seeks to build upon the foundations laid by previous ministers; thus, before beginning anything new, a check was made of the congregation on past procedures and their present feelings.

The worship hour was moved from Thursday evening to Saturday evening for the purpose of offering a worship time for week-end skiers as well as resident community. Approximately a half-dozen new people responded to this during the four months it was tried. Longer daylight hours complicated this schedule so we now meet on Wednesday evenings.

Another innovation begun as a request from one of the members was for a dialogue-study service. This type of program has great potential, but did not seem to meet the needs and interests at the present time.

The youth (5th-12th grades) are meeting together one hour prior to the worship service and have been responding creatively to this program. One outside activity took place in the fall as the group came to Anchorage for a roller skating party and stayed overnight at the parsonage. They are now planning a "dramatic presentation" for a future church service and a June picnic.

Thanks to Mrs. Lydia Hays, wife of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alaska Mission, for making a very attractive poster located in the new hotel. Also a thanks goes to Mr. George Gadberry of Electric, Inc., a member of First Church, for donating wire and all necessary fixtures to install lights on our road sign.

The Sunrise (Sunless Sunrise) Service held on top of the mountain at Alyeska was one of the most successful in years, and thanks to Tavita Asi and Pisila Taufeulungaki the music had a Polynesian flavor.

The future has significant meaning with the renewed interest in moving the building from its present location to a parcel of land near the lodge and hotel. The management of Mt. Alyeska and the Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church have expressed an interest in this move. The 1969 Charge Conference thought this worth looking into.

Many thanks to the fine folk of Girdwood for their cooperation this year.

Anchorage St. John Methodist Church

Howard L. DeVore, Pastor

MICHIGAN WORK CAMPERS: The people of St. John will long remember the visit of twelve young adults and their leaders from Michigan. Rev. Donn Doten brought forty-five work campers to Alaska and shared some with Sitka, Birchwood Camp, Alaska Methodist University, and St. John. Mrs. Donn Doten led the St. John section, assisted by Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Smith. Several projects were completed: assistance with the vacation church school, painting interior and outside trim of Fellowship Hall, yard work, and the erection of a thirty foot aluminum cross; contributing \$175.00 in addition to many hours of labor. On August 11, 1968, the workcampers participated in the dedication of the "Michigan Room" in the new church school that resulted from a gift of \$10,000.00 by the Michigan Conference.

IOWA AND OHIO DEDICATIONS: In recognition of the continuing interest and support of the South Iowa Conference and contributions of \$10,500 last year for pastoral support, the church office and pastor's study have been designated the "Iowa Rooms." The Ohio Conference which contributed \$13,000 to our church school was also recognized by the dedication of the "Ohio Room."

ADVENT IN UNITY: Growing out of a sermon in which the pastor suggested that ecumenical relations had to begin at the grassroots level, Advent seemed a challenge and incentive to work in this direction. Pastors of St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church, Gloria Deo Lutheran Church, and St. John agreed to conduct three services on the Sunday afternoons of Advent, one in each church. At St. John folksingers led in carols and Father Denis Corkery preached. At Gloria Deo John Herrell's poem "Hello in Exile" was read by Les Parker and Mrs. Alan Jewell and the Anchorage String Quartet played. At St. Benedict's, the Methodist and Lutheran Pastors preached and Father Corkery assisted Monsignor Sneed in a traditional Benediction Service sung in Latin.

BIAFRA RELIEF: The deaths and tragedy of Biafra were revealed at a regional conference of the Board of Missions attended by the pastor. The film there was purchased for use in Alaska. Father Corkery who is on leave from Biafra spoke at St. John and an offering at Christmas of \$184.00 was received. Twenty youth of the St. John Church participated in the Walk for the Children of Biafra and the proceeds from sponsors of over two thousand walkers should total some fifty thousand dollars. Eleven hundred forty-eight walkers completed the thirty-one mile course. Though many sponsored, supported, worked and walked, two men who engineered the walk deserve our applause: Father Dennis Corkery and Rev. Walter Hays.

SEWARD DAY AT ST. JOHN: Linked in sistership by the Alaska Board of Evangelism, the Seward Memorial United Methodist Church on May 4th sent a representative to St. John to share in the events of Seward Day. Rev. Robert Bowers delivered two sermons and officiated at the baptism of the infant daughter of a couple living in our parish but holding membership at Seward where the grandparents live. A bountiful noon meal was served by the St. John Women and an arts festival was featured in the church school. In the afternoon, a program utilizing "Four Cozy Walls" and a discussion of the "church in mission" was held.

HOPE CHURCH: While Hope Church some eighty-five miles from Anchorage remains inactive, pastoral visits are made regularly and the building is used under careful supervision for retreat purposes. This year Lutheran as well as Methodist Youth have taken advantage of the beautiful location for retreats. Kenai Methodist Men and other groups are engaged in work for improvement of the church for retreat uses. When the Turnagain Causeway becomes reality, Hope will become an ideal bedroom community and the church's ministry will be much enlarged.

Anchorage Turnagain Methodist Church

Charles W. Horner, Pastor

No report received.

United Methodist Church of Chugiak

John J. Shaffer, Pastor

In so many ways, this year has been a year of struggle and frustration. As we studied the theme "New Forms of Mission," several members sought to see areas of mission in our community. Many members lack motivation for old forms of mission. Efforts were expended toward greater involvement in worship. From January-May the pastor led the congregation in the study of "The Sermon on the Mount," in cooperation with the national quadrennial emphasis.

Involvement in FISH, awareness of our witness through Community Action programs in our building five days a week, (i.e. Head Start), and the Walk for the Children of Biafra have been highlights in service by members of the church family.

Last summer an outdoor chapel was established on the lower end of the church property with the placement of three crosses in a Calvary scene. This was constructed by a young man from Philadelphia (Frank Miesen, Jr.) as he traveled through Alaska after serving in Viet Nam. An Easter Sunrise service was held there for the first service.

We had the dubious honor of being selected by vandals for some anti-war slogans during the winter. "War Is Unhealthy for Children and Other Living Things" and "Thou Salt Not Kill" greeted us for several Sunday mornings. Some of our laymen encouraged the unknown artists to enter into dialogue over their concerns, but we had no takers.

Pulpit exchanges with L. V. Stennis from the 1st Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Anchorage and a guest appearance by folk singer Judy Serfoss highlighted special worship services.



Two total church retreats were held with our "sister" church Anchor Park, with the fall retreat emphasizing program planning for the year. We also had a lay evangelism exchange with Anchor Park in February.

A study of our building fund revealed less than 50% payment on 1966-69 pledges. Hopefully, the picture will change in the two-year crusade led by Dr. Groves this March. His leadership was appreciated in that program.

A highlight of the past year was the opportunity to represent the Alaska Mission in Honolulu at the Western Jurisdictional Conference. Barbara and I participated in a post-conference tour which helped us understand the mission of the church in our 50th state.

A word of thanks is also due our episcopal leadership for allowing me to make a brief venture in the political arena as I filed as a candidate for the State House of Representatives. My congregation should also be commended for its patience during that period of time. Hopefully this was a positive witness for the concern of the church for a vital area of our existence.

During the past year, I was elected as president of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency. As a representative of the "interested public," this venture has provided insight into the working of the local "War on Poverty."

As an alternate delegate for United Methodism to both the Anchorage and Alaska Council of Churches, I have been able to see some of the potential and handicaps involved in cooperative ministries. Until there is willingness to provide some financial help to various enterprises, we will hear more words than we will see deeds. It is good to see some of the pastors in Alaska become involved in some creative programs. At least eight persons from our local church have been involved in the "Seminary of the Church" study program in Anchorage.

As we draw to the close of four years at Chugiak, we can feel only gratitude for the openness and kindness of many people here. My faith in the potential of the local church to understand and accept more fully the implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ has been strengthened. Much is left to be done, but there is life and therefore, hope, for the future.

Douglas Community United Methodist Church

William G. Trudeau, Pastor

This year at Douglas has been an exciting and challenging introduction to the ordained parish ministry for Danita and myself. Our pastor/congregation relationship has been warm and, over all, a good environment for growth—our and the congregation's.

We arrived on the Fourth of July and spent most of the summer becoming acquainted with the congregation and the country (and the administrative procedures of a local congregation!). After one year we feel very much a part of this place and very thankful that we were able to start our ministry here.

The Douglas church is one of three (The others are Roman Catholic and Bible) in the community, a city suburb of Juneau. The question of city-borough unification has raised the ontological question for the city of Douglas and the Juneau-Douglas United Methodist Parish proposal has done the same for the church. Thus, both city

and church are in the midst of an existential identity crises, in the context of which there is always a danger of paranoid reactions and the difficulty of moving boldly and with vision into the future.

I feel that the Douglas congregation must face the question of its existence realistically and responsibly in the light of God's claim upon his Church if it is going to take the future into its hands and make something of it. I feel that the Douglas church has its "raison d'être" not primarily as a place for Christians to gather; Juneau is too nearby and many Douglasites are already motivated in that direction by virtue of their jobs, shopping habits, and the like. Good stewardship of God's gifts will not warrant the expenditure of time and money for such a partial ministry to the few in the congregation. This is by no means to say that we are either wasting time or money in that setting. The Douglas church does have a reason for existing as a Christian mission community to the Douglas area; that is, to the children, youth, young adults, middle adults and the aged. And it has a responsibility toward the political and social forces that shape the life of this quite distinguishable community.

Seen in this perspective, I firmly believe two things must characterize the future of the Douglas church. First, it must see as its primary focus the ministering love of God for all his creation. Second, it must be ecumenical in all possible ways. Where possible, the congregation should serve the members of denominations not represented in the area; it should also cooperate, as a matter of principle, with other denominational groups in developing community resources and meeting community needs. That type of ministry can, I think, best be served by a congregation localized in Douglas. I think it will mean a congregation which is—in name and practice—broader than the United Methodist Church.



I think this has been a good year for the life of this congregation. We have done some different things and some things differently. We have done some experimentation in worship, incorporating new approaches into the regular pattern of worship as well as doing several totally new services. It is my feeling that the heart of the Church will beat strongly again when it takes adult education as seriously, if not more seriously, than children and youth education. We have instituted, as a regular part of our program, after the worship service open discussion groups and a pilot project in ministry in the small group context. Both have proven quite successful. The congregation has taken upon itself two projects initiated by laymen: buying and installing litter barrels for Douglas and bringing to the Juneau area a center for family planning information and treatment. Another group of persons has taken an interest in providing a ministry to jr hi's through a teen center in Douglas.

The parish proposal has not worked out as we might have hoped. There is an evident lack of commitment to it in both churches. Like any meaningful relationship, it requires of us what we least like to give up: our autonomy when it comes to making decisions and our self-interest when it comes to making plans. I have deeply appreciated the relationship Tom and I are always in the midst of working out. It has been healthy and supportive for both of us. It is not hard for any of us, we have discovered, to do the things together; it is very hard to **think** ecumenically.

Speaking about relationships with the broader church, we are glad for the sharing that was made available through the Sitka/Douglas exchange. John came at a good time for us and his time with us was appreciated by the congregation.

Danita and I found our own ministries enriched through involvement in the Teen Age Club of Juneau (we are both on the Board of Directors), the Gastineau Council on Alcoholism (I am chairman of the Half-way House Board), and the office of probation, Division of Corrections.

In addition, we have been very happy to be a home for two foster children, one a teen-ager who left us in January and now a seven year old.

We feel this has been a good year for us and for the congregation; we have each helped the other grow. There is a good future here to be taken hold of in God's name.

Fairbanks First United Methodist Church

David K. Fison, Pastor

L. Eugene Groves, Associate Pastor

One of our most noticeable advancements this year may be in Worship. Our new organ and adult choir, now located in the balcony, provided chancel space for an eight foot rear-projection screen used for communication and worship enrichment. Our chancel drama group has performed at major seasons of the church year and for other churches and the military. Our worship will be enriched with our two new handbell choirs. The bells are a memorial to Helen Karlen Garlington. Both the adult and children's choirs have been active in creating their own music as well as correlated visuals. From our new

alter-communion table we share regularly the sacrament with the Episcopalians. We are now completing our second year of united early worship with them. My participation at St. Louis Convocation on Worship this spring provided opportunity to conduct Worship Seminars for Juneau/Douglas and Anchorage area churches.

Our United Church School and youth programs have continued to grow under the team teaching approach. Our Vacation Church School and Summer Camping Program will again be a co-operative effort. Several youth retreats were also held this year. Our united venture in the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center continues to progress. This will be our third year to co-ordinate the Alaskaland Church Project. We have shared our second round of Living Room Dialogues and experienced our first Lay School of Theology with five courses. Major breakthroughs in Protestant-Catholic relations this year were evidenced in having a priest speak on Reformation and Unity Sundays and my preaching twice at Roman Catholic masses. Our United World Wide Communion at the Cathedral was another milestone.

Max Cramer gave momentum to our Evangelism Program last fall and I experienced a very meaningful week at East Anchorage in the exchange. Our Stewardship Crusade with the Orville Wilsons, completed this spring, may enable us to become financially solvent and regularly meet our \$2,000 monthly payments on our mortgage.

We have an active young couples club and a strong WSCS program.

We are especially proud of our youth: Joanne Alter, MYFund World Missionary Team Member last year; and this year, Joyce Day will share in the Latin American Study Travel Seminar. Other significant programs include: dinner for Bishop Palmer; the promotion of the United Nations with Dick Heacock; our Feed the Hungary Dinner for Biafra; sharing the Indian Potlatch with St. Matthew's; our pledge to the Fund for Reconciliation of \$4,000; and, our A.M.U. Sunday with President Fred McGinnis.

Our building is used more than ever. The Seventh Day Adventist have their school and regular worship program here. Other groups include Child Care/Headstart, basic Adult Education, Retarded Children's School, and the Episcopal Parish Hall. This year we have a full time secretary and a full time janitor.

Our parsonage now has the basement completely built-in which has nearly doubled our living space: a bedroom, study, laundry, shop and family room.

As we begin our tenth year in the Mission, we are aware of the support we experience from other mission families. We have enjoyed our association with Gene, LaRae, and Jeffrey Groves. We will miss them. We are especially indebted to our retiring superintendent, Dr. Meredith A. Groves, for his untiring support. We look to the future with confidence knowing that the present "Black Gold Rush" of the Fairbanks area presents a great challenge. We claim the promise of our Lord to be with us in the days ahead. Blessings.

The United Methodist Church

Serving: ANCHOR POINT, HOMER, NINILCHIK, SELDOVIA
James H. Thompson, Pastor

The pastor of these four Alaska churches summarizes the 1968-69 year under these major headings:

I. Youth

The three churches of Ninilchik, Homer and Seldovia increased their youth activities. Both Ninilchik and Homer had strong M.Y.F. groups that met Sunday morning at Ninilchik and Sunday evening at Homer. Thanks to good lay leadership, these programs held strong each week.

The Seldovia church centered around youth completely. Besides Church School classes, the M.Y.F. was the dominant nucleus of the church at each worship service. March 13th, 14th, and 15th of 1969 found the town of Seldovia, Alaska, "invaded" by one hundred youth of the Kenai Peninsula. Both Jr. and Sr. M.Y.F. young people from as far away as Seward and Kenai braved the stormy sea of Kachemak Bay to be barged from Homer to Seldovia (20 miles) for a full week-end program.

II. Community

Any effective church work in the state of Alaska must reach into the community life of the people it serves. Without a doubt the United Methodist Church of Homer has done just this. The church is used by the entire community for many different activities and the community knows its doors are always open for their use without charge. The youth throughout the area hold week-end dances; various professional groups and clubs (Nurses Association, Home-makers, Little Theater, etc.) hold one or more meetings each month; even other churches or denominations have free access to this Methodist Church. Both the Catholic and other Protestant churches in the community have experienced a spirit of inter-church cooperation. On May 7th, the church "went to the dogs" when one of the veterinarians in the state was asked to come to Homer due to a rabies scare. His clinic was held in the church basement.

III. Calling

This pastor is absolutely convinced that one of the great needs in this state that the church can meet is for the pastor to have a steady calling schedule. "It's good to hear another human voice," has been said more than once as I enter a remote home. There is no substitute for the person to person contact in the life of the church, this is especially true in the Homer parish. Anchor Point is a calling station only due to the vast area and distances between Ninilchik and Seldovia.

IV. Thank You

These four churches and the Thompson family wish to express their sincere "Thanks" to Dr. Meredith A. Groves and his family for their steadfast personal concern and leadership to the entire Alaska Mission. We began our missionary journey under his guidance and we intend to carry on in his spirit for years to come in this wonderful land. Their life and ministry have been a shining example of the Christian witness for Jesus Christ.

Juneau United Methodist Church

Thomas H. Dahl, Pastor

"Trees and flowers teach me nothing. To learn, I look to the City." Socrates describes our Alaskan dilemma, and specifically, our Juneau dilemma. Alaskans are here for sundry reasons, most of which are related in some way to the land—its beauty, its opportunity, its past and its future. "Trees and flowers" are a part of our motivation for being here, but to live we depend on the commerce provided when people gather in political units—the city. There is the intersection of industry and life. We may wish it were not so, because learning is hard and escape is blessed, but the fact is there, and we are seeing it: Juneau is a city and responsibility for it has been thrust upon God's church. If we are to learn of mission, that is where we must look.

Juneau United Methodists have worked hard to define that mission. Our building program did not progress as we had hoped, yet we are better than we were. In October we held a Building Fund Campaign with help from the Board of Missions. The average combined pledge to the budget and the building fund was over \$11 per family per week, which demonstrates an amazing giving capacity. Our problem is that we need to do more than our numbers will allow. Our plans have gone back to the drawing board, to redefine our mission and to wrap an affordable building around it. It's hard work, and terribly frustrating, but the future will prove our work worthy.

Further self-definition was made when we burned our final mortgage. We are now free of debt. We looked at the world "outside" in a morning study group on the Kerner report on Civil Disorders and related the problems and the suggested solutions specifically to Juneau. A dramatic demonstration of our church relating to its own world was made at the missionary dinner, an annual event done this year with a new approach to discovering what God might want us to do. "Dangerfield Newby Moves Uptown" helped us see ourselves.



We reached beyond our walls, too. In July, I led a group of high school kids from Ketchikan and Juneau to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to work with the Indians there, teaching a Vacation Church School and making some capital improvements.

We ran an extensive Youth Hostel program last summer, with full time house parents and a full house most of the time. It met a crying need for a "place" for college kids. Most felt the hostel was the really "in" thing for them to do. I taught an evening session for college kids in Theology Today, looking carefully at the thoughts of six contemporary theologians. We have joined with the Episcopal Church as co-recipients of a Federal grant to establish Alaska Homemaker Service. The program is well under way and will expand soon to Anchorage and Fairbanks.

We are looking to the city and we are learning. Does the church equip people for mission or do concerned people express themselves in the church? I really don't know. Maybe both things happen together. But I do know that wherever human needs are being met in Juneau, Methodists are there with their sleeves rolled up. As the only city in Alaska to be accepted under the Model Cities program, Juneau has the structure to implement reconciliation. The motivation behind the structure will have to come from the people of God.

As I move into a different type of ministry for a time as Director of Model Cities, I am deeply grateful for the support of this congregation, both personally and in the program, for Bishop Palmer whose assurance of special appointment officially extends the ministry of our church, and for the many others who have made the year fruitful. May God bless us as we move with confidence through doors He opens.

Kenai United Parish

Church of The New Covenant — North Star United Church

Dr. Robert Nelson, Pastor

This has been a most exciting year in the life of the Kenai and North Kenai churches. The laymen have become very much interested in "grassroots" ecumenism. We have a new name for the churches in Kenai and North Kenai. The Kenai Church is now called "The Church of the New Covenant" and the North Kenai Church is intitled "The North Star United Church": both names signifying a new kind of relationship existing between Christians of varying church traditions and practices within these local congregations.

Facing an economic and population boom in the area of the churches, it was decided to unite the efforts and ministries of other cooperating denominations. Instead of other denominations building and staffing their own congregations and facilities, resulting in much unnecessary duplication, these churches sought the official recognition and assistance of those denominations as their official representative church in the area. Persons were encouraged to hold membership in the local church and to retain their denominational affiliation. The cooperating denominations were urged to establish regular relations with the local churches and to send their representatives and their programs to the local church whenever possible.

The Episcopal Church in Alaska and the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church both made considerable financial contribution to the work of the Parish churches. These two denominations, along with The Salvation Army and The American Baptist Church, have officially recognized the Parish churches and appointed regular representatives to visit among the constituency. Their periodic pastoral visitations, seminars, workshops, and worship services have added greatly to the much expanded program and ministry of these two local churches. Through such a united effort the services offered by the local congregations are expanding with the soon-to-open Salvation Army Thrift Shop and the proposed Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center and Teen Center jointly sponsored by the Salvation Army and the Church of the New Covenant.

Membership has also taken on a new look. Along with the regular report of Methodist memberships in the Church of the New Covenant and the North Star United Church this year are the Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Disciples of Christ, and Salvation Army memberships. These latter are members-in-full of both the Church of the New Covenant or the North Star United Church and their own respective denominations.

The assistance of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Murray, New Church Developer from National Division, in starting the North Star United Church was most helpful. The church was constituted on Easter Sunday. And, unable to obtain further pastoral help at the time, Dr. Meredith Groves, Superintendent of the Alaska Mission, spent considerable time and effort working with the North Star United Church from December through May. Considerable survey work and visitation among trailer villages and apartment units was conducted throughout the year. Very gratifying was the spirit in which the members of the churches assisted and conducted their own visitation programs.



A good base has been laid in the area of stewardship in the Church of the New Covenant with the assistance of Rev. and Mrs. Orville Wilson, Stewardship Program Director from National Division. The congregation underwrote a budget that is nearly self-supporting as well as a building fund for the addition of much-needed church school classrooms.

The organizations of the churches were particularly active this year. Women's Societies of Christian Service were organized at both the Kenai and North Kenai Churches. Circles were formed at the Kenai Church. Very active Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships continue to grow. The Senior High Youth Fellowship sponsored an International Christian Youth Exchange Student, Volker Horstmeier, and will continue the program for the coming year with a new exchange student from Austria, Dorothea Wojnar. The Presbyterian Mariners Club upheld an active family life and couples program throughout the year. New forms of worship have brought about greater participation on the part of the whole congregation and increased attendance.

Kenai United Parish — Soldotna United Methodist Church

John H. Walther, Pastor

On 17 June the congregation of Soldat Kriste and Tustamena Church of Christ the Victor voted to merge into a new congregation. Worship services were held in the basement of the Soldotna parsonage from 30 June through 11 August. On the 2nd of August we started to move the Tustamena Church building to a new site on Binkley Street in Soldotna. Moving only between 4:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. to keep the highway open, we completed our journey in two days. The first Worship service in our new location was held on 18 August. Bishop Palmer reconsecrated our Church on 17 September. Dr. Groves officially constituted our Church as the Soldotna United Methodist Church on 15 December.

This has been a year of growth and changes for us as we have blended two congregations with different patterns and habits into one new Congregation and at the same time have changed our organization to comply with the requirements of the new Discipline of our Church.

Our worship service has been strengthened through the efforts of our Choirs—for we now have both an adult choir and a youth choir active and growing.

Trying to meet the needs of our community we sponsor Cub Scout Pack 161, reorganized in January. This active Pack has 31 Cub Scouts and can now boast one Methodist Cub. Our Church joined with others in the neighborhood in a Community Good Friday Service. This was a milestone in bringing Churches of several different denominations together in a joint worship service.

The young people of our Church are active in our Parish-wide Junior and Senior UMYF's.

The men and women of our Church are also active in our Parish Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Men. We will have one or more circles or sub-groups of the Woman's Society active during the coming year. Mr. Walter Spooner will be the new President of the Methodist Men's Club.

We were privileged to have the help of Kathy Roach of Peoria, Ill., Art Parham of Little Rock, Ark., Jean Davis of Akron, Ohio, and Karen Peterson of Fort Smith, Ark., last summer. These young people, students from high schools and colleges did a great deal to help us get established again after our move.

I believe Soldotna United Methodist Church will become increasingly a leader as it works in this ecumenical parish and among the other churches of the community to make Christ known to the people.

Ketchikan First United Methodist Church

Walter R. Warner, Pastor

This is our third year at Ketchikan and in Alaska. In July our first Southeastern Alaska work camp served in an Indian village near Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. This project originated with our youth and our counselor, Mrs. Richard Robb, and became the official senior high camp for Southeastern Alaska. In July Teresa del Granada arrived from Bolivia, Ketchikan's first exchange student. The William Palmer family of our church has made a home for Teresa this year. We have been able to get the sponsoring committee broadly based in the community, to get our application in for a second student, a boy from Germany, to arrive in July. Also in July Leanne Ellis, our Youth Fellowship president, served on a MY Fund Mission Team in the ghetto of Chicago.

Again last summer we provided a day-camp experience for juniors of our church. In August we directed the Junior Camp at Eagle River. Also in August we held our first ecumenical vacation school with 137 Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and Methodist children meeting in the Catholic school building. It was a happy experience for all. We had no difficulty providing a fine staff of strong teachers and a good feeling of fellowship across denominational lines was experienced by all.

In September we had a most successful planning conference with our Administrative Board. With the help of Walt Hays we scheduled the church calendar with interesting events for the entire year.

This year with the counsel of the Work Area on Worship we have instituted a new plan for lay participation in the leadership of the Sunday morning worship. Two families of the church are invited to the parsonage for dinner during the week. Between the two families chosen we try to have our acolytes, two youth ushers, two men ushers, as well as greeters, and readers for both the Old Testament and New Testament lessons. If we do not, we borrow extras from other families. At the dinner we confer about each one's part in the coming service, evaluate the worship of the Sunday previous to the dinner, and even talk over some of the main ideas of the coming sermon. We often get helpful comments and responses. We have many indications that especially these two families, as well as other lay people are participating with increased meaning in the worship. After three Sundays another two families are chosen to be lay ministers. The fellowship we have had with the families of our church in our home this year has been very rewarding to both of us personally.

True to national trends we have experienced a decrease in attendance in certain church school classes, but others have held up and even increased, especially adult and fifth and sixth grades.

This year we are holding our youth meetings, other than Sunday morning, for both junior and senior high ages with the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. Neither program got under way very strongly until Walt Hays came and led in over-night retreats with both groups.

Now there is a new enthusiasm. There are enough youth and adult leaders of youth in the three churches to make these groups function.

"Uncle Walt's Story Time," a radio program for children, has continued and is now about to complete its second year. We have also continued to fly to Whale Pass logging camp for services for both children and adults in their new A-frame chapel once a month, except during the winter months when the camp is closed because of deep snow.

We had a successful building fund crusade in February and will be letting a contract for three new classrooms within a few weeks, thanks to the National Division for a loan and a donation of \$5,000.

Much of the ministry of this church is out in the community. Our people serve on the Borough Assembly, the School Board, the City Council, with both Girl and Boy Scouts, League of Women Voters, Community Council, and other civic groups.

The Warners have been active in starting the Ketchikan Golden Age Club sponsored by the city and supported by a government grant. Ruth is chairman of the board of directors.

The Day Care Center has continued in our church basement and has received its second government grant. We have been able to pass on that responsibility to another Methodist. Murray Simpson, our Lay Leader, is treasurer.

We have worked for nearly three years with a concerned group of citizens to get a federal staffing grant for a Ketchikan Mental Health Clinic. The Office of Health and Welfare in Juneau has assured us that our application has been approved and that the Clinic will be open for service to the people of the southern half of Southeastern Alaska by September first.

We have been helping gather data for a state-wide study on Vocational Rehabilitation. We are on the board of directors of a rehabilitation house for alcoholics serving the community since last August. We have recently received a grant from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the salary of a full time director.

The executive committee of the Ketchikan Community Council of which we are a member, concerned that forty percent of our housing is sub-standard, have formed a non-profit organization and applied for a FHA loan so that a concern known as Habitat West, specialists in low and middle income housing, can build fifty new housing units. We have an option on the land and hope to be under construction yet this year.

All together it has been an interesting and exciting year.

Nome Community United Methodist Church

Ernest Jones, Pastor

The ministry of the Methodist church in Nome is a unique and difficult one. Nome is a fragmented community. The problems of acculturation that arise when peoples of several different backgrounds find themselves face to face in a new environment lead to frustrations that defy resolution. The extreme poverty of the people and the physical deterioration of most of the homes and other buildings contribute to low morale. Alcoholism and delinquency are obvious and tragic symptoms of the tremendous problems that exist here. Methodism

through seven decades has been here during the rise and fall of community life.

Even though many adults are hard to reach, we find a ready response among the children. Our Sunday School classes sometimes overflow their rooms. The Junior Choir is a strong part of our children's program. More than 25 boys and girls are present for each rehearsal and for the frequent appearances of the choir in the morning worship. New robes were bought for the choir this year by the W.S.C.S.

The Senior High M.Y.F. presented an experimental worship service on Sunday morning, using contemporary music and prayer forms. Walt Hays conducted a weekend program for Senior Highs in October, and students from the William E. Beltz Regional High School were included in the activities. There has also been an active Junior High M.Y.F. throughout the year.

Summer camp has become a meaningful part of the lives of many of our children and youth. Last summer we sent 35 campers to Birchwood—more than half again as many as went from any other church. Such a large delegation was possible only because the Eskimo Children's Fund provided the transportation cost. Each camper paid his own camp fee. Members of the Turnagain church added an extra dimension to the experience by inviting the Nome boys and girls to stay over an extra week in Anchorage with friends they had met at camp.

The Methodist-owned and -financed Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center has played an important part in community life this year. The kindergarten has provided pre-school training for virtually every child who will be in first grade this fall. The youth building has served as a recreation center, inadequate though it is, for a large number of teenagers after school and in the evenings. One room in the main building has been used by the public schools for special education classes.

An able MSM Work Team, directed by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin of Westmar College, LaMars, Iowa, provided valuable help last summer. They completed the installation of playground equipment and razed the 65-year-old former parsonage, which had deteriorated to an unusable and dangerous condition. They provided the direction and much of the staff of our vacation church school. More than 100 children were enrolled for the two-week session. The members of the team also promoted various activities among the youth and young adults of Nome.

During the past year we have been able to provide an increasing ministry to the people of St. Lawrence Island as they have moved to Nome, or come here for medical treatment, or attended high school at Beltz. Beltz students from other Presbyterian and Episcopal villages have also been part of our outreach ministry.

We asked our superintendent, Dr. Groves, to come to Nome to direct a complete every-member visitation program. We received personal pledges of about \$10,000, which enabled us to meet a record budget and keep current on all bills, apportionments, and other obligations.

Youth problems and the condition of the schools have been important issues in Nome this year. Pastor and people have been involved. We made our building available as a meeting place for the teachers on the day of their protest. Their action has helped to bring

about plans for an improved educational program next year. I have continued to serve as the Alaska Council of Churches' representative in the Rural Alaska Community Action Program.

As we say farewell to our Mission Superintendent, Dr. Meredith A. Groves, we express our appreciation to him for his efforts on behalf of the Nome church throughout his term of office. Without his help, many things would not have been accomplished. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Groves the very best as they leave Alaska to take up new work elsewhere.

Seward Memorial — Moose Pass United Methodist Church

Robert Bowers, Pastor

This year has been a good year for the United Methodist Church in our particular corner of the Kenai Peninsula. It has been good because we were able to reach for, and, in a large measure, attain a new level of ecumenicity in Seward. For the first time in the history of church work in Seward the ministerial association has encompassed the pastors of all the communions in Seward. This has enabled us to have a more meaningful dialogue with one another and has permitted us to reach out beyond the confines of our own particular group.

Also, the United Methodist and Episcopal congregations made ecumenical history by themselves in several cooperative projects. Twice this year we have enjoyed inter-communion. The last time was in April when we also observed Consultation of Church Union Sunday by using the new liturgy recommended by the Consultation's Study Commission on Worship. Joint worship was held without communion on a Sunday in January when all the people met at the Episcopal Church and the pastors had a dialogue sermon on the Holy Spirit and the meaning of the Church. When Father Wenrick was ordained the United Methodist congregation attended and the pastor had a part in the service. Because of the small size and subsequent difficulty of maintaining church schools, in March, the United Methodists and Episcopalians began a joint church school. This venture has worked well and has enabled persons from both churches to cooperate together in a meaningful way and has led to an upgrading of our Christian education program. The last of May a Christian Education worker from the Seattle region of the Episcopal Church led a Church School Worker's Conference and sensitivity training seminars.

Under the leadership of the Ministerial Association a plan for an inter-church community center operating from a building in downtown Seward has been developed. The plan would have the church offices of most of the churches located in the building, and would focus the mission and action of the churches upon the real needs of people in the town. There are large groups of people in Seward whose needs are not being met. The 12 churches tend to be self-contained. Large groups of problem drinkers, older youth, elderly people, pre-schoolers and service men are not reached adequately by any group in town. In cooperation with the local Community Action Program operated by RuralCAP we hope the community center can become a medium through which needs can be discovered and met.

This year the economy of Seward has continued to drop. The promising young scallop industry has encountered difficulties that hamper development. Alaska Steamship lines, a carrier that provided

longshoremen with jobs, stopped service to Seward. However, in spite of the economic situation, the church has maintained a high level of giving and comes to Conference with all bills paid.

My hat is off to the United Methodists in Seward. They have a progressive spirit and an optimistic attitude. I am sure they are among the most progressive in the mission. I find a willingness in these people to push ahead and help the church become truly relevant to the community.

About 15 young people have participated in a weekly youth program and 17 attended a Peninsula wide retreat held in March in Seldovia. This youth work has been ecumenical like most of our other work.

I have conducted worship regularly at Moose Pass. The church in Moose Pass has not prospered. Ninety-nine percent of the residents of the community have no United Methodist background, many of them are indifferent to the church, and snowmobiles and other amusements are more appealing than the church to them. Our future in Moose Pass is limited unless we can begin to reach out.

No work was done in Cooper Landing this year because the local Baptist Church has been active and people have participated in its activities.

Sitka United Methodist Church

John Tindell, Pastor

This has been, in many ways, a year of truth. Sitka United Methodists have in fact enjoyed a new and highly functional building which was completed toward the end of the last conference year. We have also discovered that a new building will not in itself bring in a crowd of new people, as some of us had thought. In the midst of a slightly declining area population we have received eleven new members who have turned out to be solid and loyal citizens of the local institution.

While not increasing in large numbers, Sitka United Methodists did engage in a fairly healthy church program. The work camp from the Michigan Conference last August did a good job conducting a Vacation Church School among a large segment of the native population in the community. Local people were involved in this project more than in the previous year. One Saturday night that month we had a total of 56 youth and adults from Michigan and Everett, Washington, staying at the church either to remain for work in Sitka or depart the next day for work camps in either Anchorage or Juneau. The next morning, (when youth and adults were eating lunch and leaving all during the 11:00 service) was even more interesting!

A children's choir has functioned well this year. The Women's Society hosted the Southeast Alaska regional W.S.C.S. workshop. Nothing has so involved our people as this workshop. The cub scout pack, begun by the church last year, has progressed well. There are now eight dens and an active pack committee. A committee of the Council of Ministries was formed to visit Methodists in the Sitka Pioneer Home. Several of our members are active in a community organization of FISH. An adult class meets each Sunday morning. The group has studied religions of the world and lesser known emerging religious groups related to the Christian traditions. Another adult group has met weekly studying the guide, "God With Us." A church wide study of the Gospel of John was held.

An added feature of the annual Christmas program sponsored by the Church School was the fact that the electricity went out just as the program had begun. We had a rather wild Christmas candlelight service!

Bill Trudeau attempted to jolt some of us into the real world in which we live. His insights and freshness were helpful during his three day evangelistic emphasis among us. On the closing night we had a service which included singing accompanied by guitar, organ, tuba and bongo drum.

Meredith Groves led Sitka in a financial campaign. Thirty eight families pledged \$17,137.20 over a three year period for the Debt Retirement fund and \$3,966.50 was pledged for a 7 month operating expense budget. He was much responsible for the organization of the Sitka congregation and we will miss his presence among us.

A bright possibility for the future seems to be a junior high youth center in our church basement. The Sitka Lutheran Church has pioneered in an exciting program of week day afternoon informal recreation for senior high and senior high drop-out youth. Because of limited facilities and differences in interests, this church has been unable to allow junior highs to participate. Needed equipment will be two pool tables, two ping pong tables, a record player and assorted table games.

At times I feel great frustration. At other times I feel as though I am among the more fortunate of men, being able to see overwhelming challenge and some semblance of progress. At the moment I feel among the more fortunate.

The Church of The Epiphany — Valdez

Dale G. Sarles, Pastor

The Church of the Epiphany in Valdez, continuing in its commitment to minister to members of the participating denominations in the Alaska Council of Churches (and some others as well), is wondering with everyone else what may happen here if the oil pipeline terminates in Valdez. With such a prospect before us, it is good we have had a few years to establish our foundations in working together.

A year ago our Vacation Church School program looked at the Church in Zambia. There were masks to be made, Zambian flags to color, workbooks to assemble. A real African would disagree, but you can make excellent African(?) drums from wooden barrels and 55 gallon gasoline drums, especially if you get messy enough with the paint and decorate yourself gaily as well as the drum! Some slides from Zambia, a lot of information from the Zambian INational Tourist Bureau, plus correspondence and a lot of researching and help from many people, led to a vacation experience many Valdez youngsters are still remembering. Why Zambia? If we can know we have brothers and sisters in Christ all the way around the world, then we ought to know we have them everywhere.

An adult discussion group—the discussion usually jumping off from questions raised in one of the books in the Foundation Studies in Christian Faith published by Cokesbury—meets to work, to share, and grow together in understanding many points of view, nationally and internationally, as well as matters of religion and ourselves.

The Youth Group did some excellent sign making for our celebration of Christmas. Their multi-colored, psychedelic sign, "JESUS," got a mixed response, which suggests that our young people and the things they do are reasonably healthy! They did some research on world hunger and used some money they raised to help combat illiteracy in Colombia. The group expanded this spring when Walt Hays led a Teen Encounter over the weekend, with good support from ICYE student Volker Horstmeier and the Taufeulungaki sisters from Tonga.

The Women of the Church organized an outstanding Bazaar in November. It was a real first for us in the new town of Valdez. In addition to the crafts and bakery goods brought by our women (and men!), representatives of other churches in town, plus student groups from the high school, were given space for the articles they wished to sell. It became what we advertised, a community bazaar. A major part of the funds from this will be used in furnishing the church kitchen, where there are some real needs to be met. Our once a month potluck suppers have been hampered for lack of "what should be there." As an aside, but not a very small or insignificant one, those monthly suppers have helped a lot in showing us who we really are as a family in the church, and at the supper this month (May) we will be entertaining an American Baptist tour group led by Dr. John Molletti.

For a long time the Church of the Epiphany's ministry has reached, on an occasional basis, up along the Richardson Highway to Copper Center, Glennallen, and Gakona. As more people understood the ecumenical direction of the Valdez Church, I would learn of Methodist, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians in the area who wished there might be a ministry more often than just occasionally. "Why not once a month?" "We'll pay your expenses; can you come?" Well, I have been going, but the real movers in this mission up the road are the folks there all the time who are really concerned and devoted to ministering, one to another, and who want me to come and share with them once a month. We have a worship service, then gather for a potluck supper, and a Church School lesson busies the youngsters and sometimes the parents too! We once had a congregation of over 40. It is a beginning, and we don't know all that is happening, or all that will happen, or a lot of other things, but when the Lord is there and you know He is there, you have a job to do: praise Him and serve Him and follow Him and share Him.

A Methodist member of our up-the-road mission, Mrs. Al (Martine) Clayton, accompanied me on a trip to Homer and the United Methodist Parish there. We returned the visit made to Valdez in October by the Rev. James Thompson and Mr. Nick Gangl of the Homer Church. Sharing in such an evangelistic exchange is one of the good things, one of the growing things, that is a part of our life and a vital response to our commissioning to spread the Good News.

What is happening in a fledgling ecumenical way in Valdez is important, and the support of the United Methodist Church in this effort has been a real encouragement to me. It is not for naught that we retain the name, Church of the Epiphany, for an epiphany is a "seeing," an idea born, the light bulb coming on as in the comic strips, coming alive, being awake. So be it.

PROGRAM COUNCIL

841. In each Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church an Annual Conference Program Council shall be organized.

In accordance with paragraph 841 of the 1968 Discipline, we establish a Program Council.

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the Program Council shall be
- a. to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the district agencies, the Annual Conference agencies, and the jurisdictional and General Program Councils;
 - b. to develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Annual Conference program; and
 - c. to provide implementation for and administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the conference.

2. Membership. shall consist of ten persons, one half laymen and one half clergy which shall be 3 laymen, one which is a youth, two women, one of which is President of the Women's Society of Christian Service and five who represent the program areas of Education, Social Concerns, Evangelism, Missions and Worship and ex-officio the Bishop, the Mission Superintendent and Program Director. The latter without vote.

Officers. Chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, program director and one other person chosen at large, shall constitute the executive committee. The Mission Superintendent shall be chairman.

4. Meetings. The Program Council shall meet at the Annual Meeting, at Pastor's school, and one other meeting during the year if funds permit.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Robert D. Bowers, Chairman

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to a life of committed love. St. Paul has described committed love as the greatest of the necessary building blocks of Christian living. He ranked it above faith and hope in importance. Our purpose in making this report is to show how and where committed love can be made visible. We lift up for examination, discussion and action certain concerns, challenges and needs that we think must be of vital importance to all committed Christians. Some of these items are world-wide in scope; some of them are national; and, some are related more specifically to Alaska. All of these concerns affect people, and because they affect people they require from us the deepest in committed love. We want each person in this group of churches to read and discuss this statement carefully and act personally, politically, socially, and in every other way to see that it is implemented in committed love. We pledge ourselves as a concerned Board of Christian Social Concerns to help in the task of implementation and to prod, if necessary, to get the task done.

I. ALCOHOL PROBLEMS AND GENERAL WELFARE

William Trudeau, Chairman

Alcohol Problems

1. We commend the last session of the Alaska State Legislature for its recognition of alcoholism as the number 1 health problem of the people of this state. A problem of this magnitude must be met by forthright study, involvement, and action and the churches ought to be at the core of this action.
2. We urge each local congregation to conduct an extensive and intensive plan of alcohol education which would reach into the congregation and out of it into the community. We urge that this study be done well in advance of the next legislative session so that disciplined and effective witness can be made to our legislators about pertinent issues. We urge that this study be done in full cooperation with the local Alcohol Problems Councils where they exist and where they do not exist that the Program Council of the Mission assign task forces to do the job of alcohol education. These programs of education should involve information about alcohol itself, about the problem of alcoholism, about legislative action relative to the problem and about rehabilitation of problem drinkers. We suggest the use of UNDERSTANDING ALCOHOLISM by Howard Clinebell as a good resource along with local statistics.
3. We urge local congregations to support existing councils on Alcoholism and work to create such councils where they do not presently exist.
4. We urge the Alaska Council of Churches to appoint a person or committee to write a series of articles for publication in Alaskan News media concerned with the need for co-ordinated programs of alcoholism treatment in the state. Such articles should also inform the public about the present status of legislation pertaining to the problem and future legislation needed.
5. We urge that letters be sent in support of the state grant-in-aid program for alcoholic treatment centers and urging the legislators to attempt to make money available at the next session of the legislature to create new centers for alcoholic treatment.
6. We commend the Alaska Council of Churches for the appointment of Mr. Jack Randall as legislative lobbyist at the last session.
7. We commend the legislature for their passage of "implied consent."

General Welfare

1. We commend the school systems in the state that are developing general health education classes dealing with, among other things, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.
2. We commend school systems of the state that are developing enlightened family living curricula dealing with marriage, family living, and sex education.
3. We urge the schools to provide for enlightened and qualified teachers to teach objectively in the difficult and sensitive subjects of family life education and general health education. The strongest possible attempt should be made to involve parents and inform them concerning these educational experiences for their children.

4. We urge that local commissions on Christian Social Concerns take leadership in studying materials of the Sex Information and Education Committee of the United States (SIECUS) so that enlightened evaluation of such materials may be made and so that sense and sanity may be brought to the current long-lasting controversy about sex education family life studies in the public schools.

5. We urge churches to become involved in helping their communities to establish training courses in home management as a service for low income families.

6. We commend the legislature for giving some funding to the Superior Court, Family Division, but, we regret that only half the necessary funds were provided. Therefore, we urge Chief Justice Buell Nesbitt of the Alaska State Supreme Court to provide immediately the balance of funds needed to employ professional marriage counselors under the Family Court.

7. In recognition that Legal Aid Services provide the only help for certain lower income groups of citizens, we urge the governor to make available funds already at his disposal so that this important legal resource not be lost.

II. PEACE AND WORLD ORDER

Ernest Jones, Chairman

1. Anti-ballistics Missiles

We are disturbed by the increasing dependence of our national government upon military might and nuclear weapons as a means of securing world order. The time has come when there must be a halt in the development of weapons of war and destruction. The proposal to continue that development by an even greater reliance upon nuclear weaponry through the creation of an anti-ballistics missile system seems to us to be sheer folly.

We do not believe that an ABM system will really safeguard world peace or increase our security as a nation. On the contrary, the proposal makes nuclear warfare more likely by giving added impetus to the nuclear arms race. The decision to deploy ABM can be expected to goad other nations into upgrading their own offensive nuclear capabilities. We are unconvinced by the claim that it is only a "thin" system that will be built. Once begun, such projects have an almost irreversible momentum that is increasingly difficult to control.

We are distressed by the arguments advanced for a missile system which seems to exploit the natural fears and confusions of our people and which appeals to a narrow nationalism at a time when world concern should be evidenced.

We are convinced that the ABM system would draw resources away from the desperate needs of our decaying cities and our oppressed poor. The plight of the poor, the sick, and the hungry in the midst of fabulous affluence makes us all guilty before God and our fellow men. An investment of countless billions of dollars in ABM would perpetuate the agony of the poor and the guilt of our nation for many years to come, and suck us into the vortex of moral disaster. Now is the time to call a halt to the senseless expansion of military might. Having developed the ABM system to its present stage, to put it aside would be a powerful symbol of our nation's determination to stop the arms race and proceed on the way to peace. It is time to stop our preparations for death and to seek new ways of improving life.

We recognize our government's need to provide for the defense of the nation's people. We register our strong objection to the construction of the ABM system. We urge other church and civic groups to examine carefully the moral issues involved in the ABM and to make their views known. We urge all individuals to consider the problem of the ABM system and its many implications and facets, in Christian conscience, and register their feelings with those who must make the ultimate decisions. We call upon our senators and representatives in Congress to consider carefully and critically the proposed system, any possible alternatives, and the vast problems of human need in our world; and then vote intelligently and carefully when they are called upon to decide.

To waste resources of our country on an untested weapons system of questionable worth when so many pressing domestic needs are still unmet would be unreasonable and unjustifiable. We insist that it must not be done.

In order to implement this statement of action we resolve to send immediately telegrams to the president and our congressmen. These telegrams will be followed by complete statements of our position. Further, we intend to participate as fully as we can in the forthcoming efforts of "Alaskans Concerned About the Deployment of the ABM" in a mass effort to inform our fellow Alaskans about this issue and its seriousness to America's future. We urge each local church in the Alaska Mission to support the circulation and signing of the petitions to be distributed by the "Alaskans Concerned About Deployment of the ABM."

2. The Draft

We commend efforts toward eliminating inequities in the present military draft system and we urge that draft counseling be a part of every pastor's work with young men in his parish.

We encourage the ending of automatic clergy exemptions from the draft.

3. The United Nations

We urge all United Methodists to become familiar with and informed about the United Nations, its aims, goals, organizations, and actions. Most especially we urge Congress to sign the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which for so long has been neglected by that body.

III. HUMAN RELATION AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Mrs. Eugene Walters

These things we deem worthy of our consideration as committed Christians:

1. We urge that the United Methodist Church cooperate with the Alaska Council of Churches in ministry to the oil boom areas, particularly the North Slope.

2. In view of the fact that Alaska will be receiving a considerable sum of money from oil leases and from severance taxes over the next few years, and in view of the fact that there are many economic development needs and human needs in the State of Alaska; we urge that the leaders of our state develop and execute a plan for the proper investment of and use of funds received from all natural resources and, that we call upon them to include in such a plan a comprehensive design for economic development and the meeting of human need in Alaska.

3. We believe that it is fair for churches which have revenue earning properties to be taxed for such property.

4. Due to vast amounts of controversy and confusion concerning extremism on both the left and the right, we urge that there be at least one seminar held in each of the 4 major geographical areas of the State for the purpose of studying extremism. We recommend that these seminars be as broad and as comprehensive as possible in nature and that the attempt to reach as many people as possible be made.

5. We support a prompt and just settlement of the native land claims. We suggest Dr. Fred McGinnis' paper, MORAL BASIS OF ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS, as a resource in studying this issue. Federal Field Committee Report should also be used.

6. We urge each local church in the Mission to study and support the use of the forthcoming report of the core group participants in the CONSULTATION ON THE CHURCHES AND HUMAN NEED IN ALASKA.

Extra Legislative Recommendations:

1. We request the Program Council and Program Director to send out a monthly information packet which will include all notices, announcements from boards and agencies, etc. We recommend that one notice per one page be the rule so that pages may be distributed to the proper local persons.

2. The Board asks that a system be constructed by which letters to our state and national representatives can be called for from the local churches on notice so that pressure can be applied for legislative action where necessary.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eugene H. Walters, Chairman

With the new structure of the United Methodist Church bringing the concept of education into all aspects of the life of the church it is important that our local church education work areas make a special study this fall to make best use of this new structure. Special help in this should come through the leadership of our Mission Office.

Again we find that the work of this board is centered in the activities of our Executive Secretary, the Rev. Walter Lee Hays. Again imaginative leadership has brought us into many interesting areas of concern. Walt has responded to the requests for specialized guidance to many interdenominational efforts. We all marvel at and appreciate his unique talents.

We are pleased that our three area camping programs show a general increase in use. Ecumenical cooperation is becoming a reality in all programs with special emphasis in the Western Area. Our concern remains that the program succeeds or fails in promotion by the local church.

Our support of the required offering for Christian Education Sunday was again for less than should be expected. Seven churches or parishes reported no offering, five churches contributed \$10 or less, four churches \$11 to \$20, and only four contributed over \$20. We need to accept the responsibility to give our lay people a chance to support our Mission Education program. The total of \$281.00 still falls short of the \$300.00 goal and the 1966 offering of \$346.00.

The ecumenical direction of the Wesley Foundation in Fairbanks is very encouraging. The open cooperation both in personnel and fi-

nance by the several cooperating religious groups should bring into reality the long sought after United Christian Campus Ministry Foundation.

We are greatly disturbed by the total inactivity of an M.S.M. group on the AMU Campus. It is our strong recommendation that the local Anchorage Council of Churches be encouraged to initiate a co-operative campus ministry at both AMU and the Anchorage Community College. We recommend a \$250 budget as the United Methodist share in this ministry.

A great concern was expressed that more consistent teacher training be planned and executed within the local church early in the fall. The executive secretary stands ready to help with materials or personal leadership. We also recommend active participation in initiating an interdenominational layman's school of religion in each area.

The participation in the Creative Arts Competition among our Sr. High groups was not as extensive as we had hoped it would be. It was recommended that a similar creative competition be held this year expanding the participants to Jr.-Sr. High youth and to include additional types of expression.

We were pleased to sponsor Mrs. Robert Briscoe to attend the Internationally acclaimed Religious Drama Workshop sponsored by the National Council of Churches this past year and recommend churches in the Mission make use of her many talents. A list will be supplied to churches of such resource people.

In line with the new structure of the United Methodist Church it is recommended that a task force be formed rather than specific age level workers. Their responsibility will be to assist in planning programs, to suggest resources, and to help in training opportunities for churches in each area. The Southeastern Educational Task Force includes: Carol Fader, Ketchikan; Rev. and Mrs. William Trudeau, Douglas; and Jim LaBau, Douglas. The Western Educational Task Force are: Mrs. Leo Cramer, Anchor Park; Charles King, Anchor Park; Mrs. Ernest Jones, Nome; Rev. Eugene Groves; and Rev. Richard Gilbert, Jesse Lee Home.

It was recommended that the Board explore the possibility of an Ecumenical audio-visual library and find ways to improve the use of the Mission Library as it now stands.

The following recommendations should be kept in mind for your local church planning:

1. A special congregation-wide offering should be taken for Christian Education Sunday on September 28 or other Sunday designated by your church and the funds forwarded to the Conference Treasurer by October 15.

2. Special attention be given to promoting the camping program within your church. Most young people will not attend without encouragement.

3. Youth Service Fund should continue to be encouraged often in our churches.

4. Alaska Methodist University should be recognized often in our churches with special attention given to AMU Sunday (recommended for January) when an offering should be taken or budgeted for AMU.

5. Your calendar should include the following programs:

June 8 — Methodist Student Day (Special Offering)

September 28 — Christian Education Sunday (Special Offering)
 December 28 — Student Recognition Sunday
 January — AMU Month
 May 3-10 — National Family Week

6. Each Church plan a lay training opportunity to make maximum specific use of the new structure for the educational ministry in relationship to the total structure of the church.

7. Some form of teacher training should be held for each church by early fall to encourage and better equip those charged with education.

8. Each church should help initiate and encourage participation of its members in both Methodist and cooperative leadership training enterprises (i.e. Layman's Schools of Religion in its area).

9. Youth should be encouraged to take part in the creative arts competition for 1969-1970.

10. A goal of 100 serious hours of study per year per person in our churches (children, youth and adults) would serve to deepen spiritual growth and help strengthen Christian stewardship.

	Budget	
	7 Months	12 Months
A.V.	\$ 377.00	\$ 600.00
Leadership Education	986.00	1700.00
Higher Education		
Wesley Foundation	292.00	500.00
AMU - Community College	146.00	250.00
Camping		
Southeastern	522.00	900.00
Central	174.00	300.00
Western	464.00	800.00
	<hr/> 1160.00	<hr/> 2000.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$2961.00	<hr/> \$5050.00

WESLEY HOUSE, COLLEGE, ALASKA

Eugene Groves, Director

With the conclusion of our second year at Wesley House, and Wesley's fifth year at the University of Alaska, our ecumenical stance has progressed to the point of complete cooperation in programing and is ready for us as United Methodists to merge with the University Christian Campus Ministry Foundation Board. Hopefully, with expected cooperation and guidance from the Alaska Mission Conference and Superintendent and the Division of National Missions, this step can be taken this summer and the Wesley Board can then be phased out of existence at the U.C.C.M.F. Board takes over Wesley Board's complete responsibility.

The year has been a diversified one. I have worked with Donna Wanland, a Jesuit Volunteer from California, a graduate of Claremont School of Theology, and a teacher of religion in Catholic schools for around 10 years in the Los Angeles area. Donna's main job at the university has been counseling, advising Resident Advisor at Wickersham Hall, a freshman girls dorm. She has helped us in arranging

programs, making campus contacts, and being a Christian presence on campus.

The first half of the year we stuck with traditional club type programming, discussions, studies, social issues, movies and other activities. Through our own efforts, we were able to close our coffee house. We were finally able to convince the university of the need for such a facility on campus. They provided space and paid help while we helped them in programming.

The second half of the year we decided to put program monies into two major events. First, we brought Dr. Dennis Parnell, a research fellow at Stanford University under Dr. Paul Erlich, and a professor at the University of California at Hayward, to speak to campus and community on the issue of the population explosion. He was well received by students, faculty and community alike. Second, under the title of a Visual Media Seminar, we brought Walt Hays, whom we all know, and Jim Rudd, a Jesuit Priest from Los Angeles, a man very much like Walt in speech, temperament and action, to campus. Along with these two men we also brought a number of thought provoking and one confessional (The Gospel According to St. Matthew) movie, along with a show of the art of Corita Kent. In the four nights of the seminar we averaged between 75 to 85 person, and were able to enter into significant conversation with many students.

Perhaps the most significant thing to happen this year was at the final Wesley Board meeting where the Board felt everything had progressed far enough in our ecumenical cooperation to ask permission to phase themselves out of existence. They said:

"Wesley Board requests permission to complete the final steps for total cooperation with the United Christian Campus Ministry Foundation Board at the University of Alaska this summer. Upon the U.C.C.M.F. Board's final approval of the budget, their agreement to hire and support the Wesley Director on a full time basis starting September 1, 1969, and their acceptance of the maintenance responsibility, in cooperation with the Mission Superintendent and the National Division of the Board of Missions, for the present Wesley House, Wesley Board requests permission to dissolve itself as a separate entity and rely upon its three representatives to the U.C.C.M.F. Board as their proper successor in campus work at the University of Alaska."

With the present level of Methodist support and the growing support of the Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics, and the eventual support of the Lutherans, we now have the financial resources to move a man into full time campus work. And I give every encouragement that this step be taken this summer. Our campus ministry has been and will be a great witness to our unity, even within our diversity, as fellow Christians.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA CAMP

Charles B. Wilson, Chairman

The 1968 camping season experienced a small decrease in camper days over the previous season. In 1967, a total of 2,045 camper days were recorded compared to 1908 camper days in 1968. One encouraging note is that the Methodist use of the camp increased from 576 camper days in 1967 to 752 in 1968. However, the 1969 camping sea-

son is expected to have the most week camp users than any previous year. Several new groups are planning on using the camp which will be in use all but 2 or 3 weeks of the summer, unless a group drops out at the last minute.

The camp fee is \$22.50 per camper week, the same as 1968. A cook and camp manager will be provided for the third year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY AS OF JANUARY 6, 1969

Facilities	Facility Fund	Reserve Fund
Balance on hand, checking	\$ 114.57	
Savings		\$1,078.91
Receipts:		
Alaska Mission	2,160.45	
Interest on Savings		47.80
Total Available	\$2,275.02	\$1,126.71
Disbursements	\$2,120.20	\$ 352.64
Balance:		
Checking		774.07
Savings	154.82	
Program		
Balance on hand, checking		\$1,235.76
Receipts:		
Alaska Mission	\$ 875.00	
Camper Fees	4,156.34	
From Facility Account for Camp Mgr.	305.00	5,336.34
Total Available		\$6,572.10
Disbursements:		
Food	1,719.54	
Camp Manager	1,597.50	
Fuel, Cooking and Heat	724.26	
Cooks Salaries	635.00	
Truck Expense	601.00	
Insurance	132.82	
Travel	270.00	
Misc.	450.24	
		\$6,130.36
Balance on Hand — Checking		\$ 441.74

Program Report of Methodist Camps

High School Ecumenical Camps

June 2-8, 19 campers, 5 staff—Director, Jim Alter

Theme "Prophets on Main Street;" Current Social Issues

(A very successful camp, the first ecumenical with Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran participating)

Junior Camp

August 12-17, 18 campers, 6 staff—Director, Rev. Walter Warner

Theme "Exploring God's World" — Weather cooperated, much outside camping done.

Junior Hi Camp

August 18-24, 13 campers, 5 staff—Director, Rev. John Tindell
Theme, Eugene Lacbach's book "World Without End" — Very
exciting camp with German exchange student, Norbert Den-
ninghous and his guitar adding much to the camp.

Family Camp

Labor Day Weekend - 38 campers, 1 director—Don Gotschall
Theme "Family Living and Recreations" — A very good camp
—A good time had by all.

Facility Report

The Alaska Mission Conference provided \$2,000 for general up-keep, maintenance and repair of the camp. With these funds the 35 KW generator was purchased and installed along with an electric pump. So that for the first time in several years pumping water is a joy. Other improvements included roofing a lumber drying shed and the shop, graveling (10 inches) the road into the lodge building and clearing brush between the lodge and the highway. We were privileged to have a high school work camp group from Everett, Washington under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Peterson, the Methodist Pastor's wife at Everett. This group of 30 people were only able to stay a week and during that week they were on work projects four days. For the time at camp, they did excellent, but our camp committee agreed that unless a group could stay two weeks, it was hardly worth the trouble of setting up the group, transporting them to camp, etc.

For the next year, we have submitted a request to the National Division for \$19,000 to remodel and winterize the kitchen, winterize the dining room, build a well house and generator house, move old kitchen and complete for managers quarters, complete the fireplace, complete the second unit of the wash and shower facility and remodel the old garage to a winter cabin which could be used for cooks quarters in the summer. We are very hopeful of receiving these funds so that the above work projects can be completed. This would make it possible to use the camp practically each weekend all winter. Many groups for the past year or two have wanted to use the facilities in the winter, but without the kitchen and dining room being winterized, use has been restricted to the winter cabin, which can only house some 15-20 comfortably.

Our thanks go to Rev. Walter Hays for his assistance for securing work campers and to Dr. Groves for his leadership and help during the year and for the past several years he has been Superintendent of the Alaska Mission Conference. We will certainly miss Dr. Groves, and on behalf of the Southeastern Alaska Camp Committee, we wish him God's speed in his retirement.

WESTERN AREA CAMPING — BIRCHWOOD CAMP

Leo C. Cramer, Chairman

There have been several exciting developments in camping this past year.

1. A Work Camp group from Michigan under the leadership of Rev. Don Doten built three new 16' by 20' cabins. This brings our cabins to a total of seven.

2. During the fall-spring usage of camp for retreat groups, we recorded an increase to 35 groups. This included -30 degree weather. Some groups groups requested full kitchen service at the rate of \$6.00 per person per day.

3. Last summer the camp was used by a Community Action group financed by the Office of Economic Opportunity for two weeks at cost. 150 young persons from the Anchorage Area had this opportunity for recreational camping.

4. Last fall the committee entered into an agreement with a watchman. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Rodebush and their four children lived in Caribou Cabin with the special addition of a trailer for kitchen facilities. This provided a great deal of relief for the camp superintendent. We look forward to the day when more adequate facilities might be provided for the camp watchman.

5. Some work has been done by volunteers in clearing trees. The camp boundaries were found and more clearly marked last fall.

6. Legal action is still in the process to oppose taxation of the south half of the property. This includes over half of the lake, our chapel, and much of the area used for primitive camping.

7. Our permanent staff during the summer of 1968 included the lifeguard, manager, cook and at least two kitchen helpers for each camp.

8. The road into camp was completed last summer and it held up very well during our mild break-up this spring. One small stream glaciated over the road to a three foot depth and we hope to place a larger culvert there this summer.

9. The old bus (donated through Jesse Lee Home) has proven very helpful in helping work camp groups and meeting planes from Nome.

10. This summer, our camp was selected to use funds provided through the Alaska Council of Churches by Elmendorf AFB to help some young people attend camp. \$460 will bring at least three young persons from Shageluk, Alaska, to 7th and 8th grade camp this summer.

SEVEN MONTH BUDGET — June - December 1969

Tentative Income

Conference Benevolences	675.00
Camper Registrations (200 at \$25 each)	5,000.00
Division Electricity Grant	350.00
Division Vehicle Grant	700.00
Division Grant for Maintenance and other improvements	2,000.00
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	8,725.00

Tentative Expenses

Food — 1,200 camper days	2,400.00
Labor	
Cook	1,075
Manager	700
Lifeguard	300
Assistant Cook	225
Assistant Manager	225
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2,525.00

Program costs (insurance, materials, publicity)	1,000.00
Telephone	105.00
Electricity	350.00
Vehicle Expenses	700.00
Road Improvements	500.00
Maintenance (Building & Equipment)	795.00
Contingency	350.00

8,725.00

ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Grants for new cabins or Advance Special Monies for Shower House or Caretakers Cabin.

Winter Usage fees in and out. (Propane fuel, insurance, snow plowing, miscellaneous winters costs, chain saw equipment).

TWELVE MONTH BUDGET — 1970

Tentative Income

Conference Benevolences	600.00
Camper Registration (250 at \$25 each)	6,250.00
Division Electricity Grant	600.00
Division Vehicle Grant	1,200.00
Division Grant for Maintenance and other improvements	2,000.00

10,650.00

Tentative Expenses

Food — 1,500 camper days	3,000.00
Labor	

Cook	1,075
Manager	700
Lifeguard	300
Assistant Cook	225
Assistant Manager	225

2,525.00

Program costs (insurance, materials, publicity)	1,250.00
Telephone	180.00
Electricity	600.00
Vehicle Expenses	1,200.00
Road Improvement	500.00
Maintenance (Buildings & Equipment)	1,045.00
Contingency	350.00

10,650.00

ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Grant (see 1969 budget)

Winter Usage fees in and out (see 1969 budget)

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

David Fison, Chairman

I. LAST YEAR'S EXCHANGE

At the Annual Meeting of 1968 Mission pastors were asked to submit their choices for the Evangelism Exchange Program. From these the following assignments were made by the Superintendent and the Evangelism Chairman:

Anchorage First, Nome, and Soldotna
Anchor Park and Chugiak
Turnagain and Kenai Parish
St. John and Seward
East Anchorage and Fairbanks
Homer and Valdez (Ecumenical Church)
Juneau and Ketchikan
Sitka and Douglas

Exchange churches were asked to attempt a creative involvement between their congregations for the year including laymen where possible. This was accomplished only in a few exchanges where close proximity made it possible. Anchor Park and Chugiak, St. John and Seward were our most notable examples. The former, with shared retreats at Birchwood Camp and considerable lay calling on the weekends. The latter also shared weekend lay calling.

The Board recommends that lay participation continue to be encouraged as part of future exchanges and that consideration be given to include Valdez type churches. Some parishes may also desire to exchange programs with other denominations in addition to the regular exchange.

II. THIS YEARS EVANGELIC MISSION TO ALASKA

For many years the National Board of Evangelism and the Board of Missions National Division have cooperated in sponsoring on alternate years an Evangelistic Mission to Alaska. This year the program will be directed by H. Thomas Walker, Director, short term ministries, to take place in November. Details will be circulated through the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Walker was to be invited at our Annual Meeting to promote this program but our crowded agenda made this impractical.

Certain pastors and laymen from the lower 48 are invited to participate. Their local churches usually underwrite the cost.

Mission pastors and others are invited to submit nominations of prospective missionaries and to request the number of "missioners" they could profitably use in their "Week of Evangelism" before the close of the Annual Meeting. Local churches provide lodging, meals, and parish transportation. All other travel expenses are covered by the program—including the cost of transporting all Alaska Ministers to the orientation session in Anchorage upon the missionaries arrival. Parishes usually express their appreciation to their men with a gift Alaskana. Mr. Walker's plans include advance correspondence between missionaries and parishes for planning the program to fit the needs of each area.

III. OTHER RESOLUTIONS

While we recognize that there are many methods of evangelism each appealing to different people, we acknowledge that mass evangelism is one of these methods. Therefore, we encourage Alaska United Methodists to cooperate in the proposed 1970 Billy Graham Alaska Evangelistic Crusade. We further urge our churches to continue developing a year round program of evangelism — visitation, small groups, dialogues, etc.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES

Lydia Lou Hays, Chairman

"In the whole area of health, the church can best serve our day by a conscious, convinced and concerted effort to promote continuing education for, and practice of, informed responsibility by all citizens. This can be done directly through its traditional means adapted to our times and in wholeheartedly joining with other community efforts to foster a good life for all people.

In the development of Alaskan life, human resource development must have the highest priority. The quality of Alaska's life will be the quality of its people. In the development of Alaskan life, health in all its facets—social, physical and emotional—must receive its fair share of responsible attention, commitment and financial aid on the part of the state, local communities and private organizations. In this time of great emphasis on Alaska's economic development, the development of human resources is often short-changed. We have failed to set the proper priorities. Conservation of people is more important than the development of natural resources; and is the very reason for the development of natural resources. It is the consensus of this task group that economic development will come about even faster, once a commitment to the first need, that is, the development of human resources, is implemented."

This statement above is a portion of the preliminary report of the health services task force of the Ecumenical Consultation on the Church and Human Need that was structured by the 1968 Annual Conference of The Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church upon the recommendation of this board. This has been the major project of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries this year.

The results of the first phase of the Consultation are before you in mimeographed form listing the preliminary findings and recommendations of the three task forces—health services, social services, and community organization. The second phase of the Consultation will be held this September 8, 9, 10 at which time additional testimony will be given, especially in the area of education. The complete report is scheduled for distribution in quantity October 1 and will give guidelines for ministry to human needs with special stress on those areas where the church might serve most effectively in future years.

We are proud of the institutions of our State and the contributions that they are making to the ministry of healing.

The Board of Health and Welfare Ministries recommends that:

1. The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church commend the Reverend Richard Gilbert, the administration and staff of Jesse Lee Home for their sensitive concern and love for individuals that have been translated into meaningful action and outstanding leadership in the area of service to children and leadership in the city and state in the area of social welfare.

2. The Annual Meeting record its appreciation to Mrs. Mildred Pelch, Administrator of the Wesleyan Hospital in Seward and Dr. Harold Bartko, doctor at the Maynard McDougall Hospital in Nome for their untiring dedication to the work of the ministry of healing.

3. Special recognition and appreciation be extended to Miss Emma Burris, who has given of herself — untiringly in Christian love to serve the people of Alaska and make the needs known throughout the Church.

4. The Annual Meeting record its support for HB 251 (or similar legislation later) that would pay full cost of care for wards of the State placed in private institutions so that private funds can be free to provide needed support to other persons inadequately covered by existing programs and to develop new ministries.

5. The Annual Meeting support the Comprehensive Health Planning in the State of Alaska to strengthen the preventive care of health.

JESSE LEE HOME

Richard Gilbert, Director

It is my pleasure to be able to report that a number of new developments have occurred at the Jesse Lee Home since my last report to this body. In these few paragraphs I would like to summarize the most important of them.

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. In June of last year Mr. Robert Rosema, Consultant of the Child Welfare League of America, was on our campus and in Anchorage for a period of five days to study the accreditation of the Jesse Lee Home. The Child Welfare League is the outstanding accrediting and standard-setting organization in child welfare in the United States. Mr. Rosema's consultation was very helpful and in the fall the Child Welfare League National Board voted the Jesse Lee Home into provisional membership. We have already begun to feel the affects of league membership as we have been making application to foundations and find that the league is an excellent credential in our favor.

COTTAGE GROUP COUNSELOR. We have been working for about two years to implement the position of Cottage Group Counselor on our staff. This is a professional position working in the day-to-day program in our cottages with groups of ten children. We believe that is the beginning of the answer to getting the best possible people next to the children. These, after all, are the persons who are most crucial in the treatment process.

NEW TREATMENT PROGRAM. Culminating a mental health seminar with Dr. William Glasser, a new treatment program was designed. When the Cottage Group Counselors came on board in early winter, a 63-hour seminar to re-train all staff was held. The program as it is designed has now been implemented and we are coming through the initial adjustment phases. The basis of the program is a reality-oriented therapeutic philosophy.

EDUCATION. The Jesse Lee Home has been approved as a location for a Title I Project under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Provisions of this act make it possible for institutions for neglected and dependent children to become eligible for direct funding from the federal government. The Jesse Lee Home has designed and implemented two phases of the Title Project. A summer school goes into full swing this summer using a full-time Title I teacher and part time teachers from the graduate education seminar being held at Alaska Methodist University. This seminar involves teachers from bush schools. The Jesse Lee Home is a lab setting for the seminar.

The second phase of the Title I Program begins in the fall. A full-time staff educator will be hired by the school district to work at the Jesse Lee Home. Her primary emphasis will be on remedial programs for children who have "holes" in their academic background and

children who need to be removed from school because of behavior difficulties. One half of the current activity room in the Administration Building will be equipped as an educational laboratory.

REACH. Immediately after the Child Welfare League Consultation the Jesse Lee Home Board approved the REACH Program. A Director of Administrative Services was hired to reduce Mr. Gilbert's load and free his time to work in development activity. REACH is a development program designed to provide additional services and facilities to improve the quality of the service of the Home. The total REACH goal is something over a million dollars.

Most of the time since the hiring of the Director of Administrative Services has been spent in gearing up. Materials have been prepared, equipment and procedures have been designed. Some work has also been done with foundations.

CONSULTATION ON THE CHURCHES AND HUMAN NEED IN ALASKA. In late April of this year the Jesse Lee Home co-sponsored a consultation on the churches and human need. About forty representatives of the denominations, their agencies and secular agencies and recipients gathered at the Home to discuss the pressing needs of people in Alaska and what the churches should be doing about them. A second session of the consultation will be held in September and a final report presented by October 1.

SOCIAL ACTION. Partly through the auspices of the Alaska Association of Child Caring Institutions, the director has been involved heavily in purchase-of-service legislation during the year. House Bill No. 251 and Senate Bill No. 240 are the result of fine work of Mrs. Genie Chance, Mrs. Helen Bierne and Mr. Gene Guess, Legislators on the Jesse Lee Home Board. The Jesse Lee Home has taken the position that, when the State wishes to purchase services from voluntary agencies for children who are wards of the State, those services should be purchased at the cost of providing them. Some support was garnered for this legislation, but it was not enough. At the present time the Bills rest in the finance committees of their respective Houses. Much action will be needed on this in the next legislative session.

MERGER DISCUSSIONS. Perhaps the most exciting thing that is developing at the current time is a serious discussion of merger of the child welfare facilities of the American Lutheran Church, The American Baptist Church and The United Methodist Church. These facilities each operate child welfare institutions in the Anchorage area. The Baptists also operate an institution in Kodiak. It is the strong feeling of the directors of these agencies that we could do our work more efficiently and construct a better system of child welfare services, if the services were to be merged under a common board and a common administration. Concrete proposals will be made to the national denominational agencies and local denominational units in the near future. A merger conference is expected to be held in September.

LAVINIA WALLACE YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER

Liz and Bill Arend, Interim Directors

The three buildings of the Lavina Wallace Young Community Center have had much use this year, 1968 - June 1969.

The kindergarten was used five days a week, six hours a day for 72 five-year-old children. I also employed two native girls as teacher's

aides, and had parental involvement in school matters. The children have just completed their Readiness tests, a test which is manufactured in New York. The grade school principal has remarked that the children have done better than any previous class.

The kindergarten was also used for knitting class, which I got together with the local ladies. We met every Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening the local men formed a chess club and met in the kindergarten.

The room under the apartment was used by the Nome school as a special education classroom.

The youth center was formed into an association for the purpose of developing more pride and responsibilities in the children. The youth center was open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for recreation. On Friday nights the center was open from 7-11:30 for recreation. Tuesday and Saturday nights the center ran dances from 8:30-11:45. Night-time activities consisted of music, pool, ping pong, cards, and table games, and was for children 13 to 20. There was always at least one person in the youth center who was 21 or older.

MAYNARD McDOUGALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

No Report Received

WESLEYAN HOSPITAL FOR CHRONIC DISEASES, INC.

Mildred L. Pelch, Administrator

The auditing period of July 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968 reflect the financial position of Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Inc. The total operating income was \$221,327.64, an increase of \$77,059.74 over fiscal year 1966-67. The total operating expense was \$183,798.68, an increase of \$27,113.68 over fiscal year 1966-67. Total available bed days were 11,712. Total patient days were 10,702. Percent of occupancy was 91.4%, an increase of 34.1% over fiscal year 1966-67. Total operating cost per patient day was \$17.45, a decrease of 84c per patient day. Net income for the period was \$32,789.96.

Additions to the hospital were an electric hot water heater, new exit light fixtures, compressor unit, 10 column adding machine and two file cabinets.

Future expenditures include improvement of the nurses' call system, bedside lamps, overbed tables for new hospital beds and hand rails installed in hallways.

An evaluation was made of all needed improvements, both major and minor, to upgrade the hospital. Contracts were accepted for painting the hospital and garage exterior, replacement of insulation, tar paper and tarring of the roof, building a partition in the front office and basement, screens for all windows, screen doors for front and rear entrance, drapes and drapery rods, mattresses and bed spreads.

An addition to the hospital should be considered for future planning, and the widening of corridors so that we would conform to hospital regulations. Seven additional beds have been set up because of the acute need for nursing home patients. This raises our present bed capacity to 40.

This has been a meaningful year, a year of many accomplishments, both physical and financial. I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, the Board of

Trustees and Corporate members for their assistance in the operation of this hospital.

Wesleyan Hospital is the only Chronic Disease Hospital in Alaska and the one facility on the Kenai Peninsula for long term nursing home care.

BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Charles B. Wilson, Lay Leader

Laymen this past year under the guidance and leadership of the clergy have in the main carried out the bulk of the Methodist program activities within Alaska. On behalf of this Annual Meeting we especially thank all those laymen throughout the Alaska Mission who served on the various work areas, task forces, ministries, boards, and commissions during the year. We also thank all the ministers and their wives for leadership and guidance provided the laymen in doing God's work within their homes, church, and communities.

We are proud to have had Bill Staats, lay delegate and past mission lay leader from Fairbanks, attend the Jurisdictional Conference in Honolulu. Bill has provided the following comments on this very important meeting held every four years:

"My attendance at the Western Jurisdictional Conference was a meaningful and enlightening experience for me. Our attempt to obtain concurrence to the jurisdiction for Alaska to have conference status was an exercise in futility and since our delegation was without vote we were powerless to make much change. The exchange of ideas and the new friends will make this meeting a long-cherished memory."

The lay delegates met in the pre-Annual Meeting session and discussed the plight of the laymen, which, much to our dismay, has probably been present at Annual Meetings in Alaska since their inception—that of the small number of laymen attending Annual Meeting, especially the pre-Annual Meeting sessions on boards and committees. A number of ministers as well as Rev. Wischmeier have also expressed concern over this point and have offered a number of suggestions to increase laymen attendance at Annual Meeting.

We laymen have analyzed this problem and believe that the biggest single factor contributing to the small number of laymen attending Annual Meeting is the length of the Annual Meeting—it's too long! Although ministers attend as part of their job, laymen must take annual leave and only can do this if they have sufficient leave to take and only if they can be spared from their jobs. Pastors and their wives come to Annual Meeting, but I believe I am the only layman this year with a wife in attendance, and she left yesterday to return home to prepare for our son Tom's graduation from high school Thursday.

In discussing this problem we agreed with Rev. Wischmeier that it should be the responsibility of the pastor to see that a lay delegate attends Annual Meeting. Very few, if any laymen know enough about Annual Meeting to instruct another layman about Annual Meeting, how he gets there, what he is supposed to do when he gets there, etc., and furthermore if he did he usually is not in a position of authority to do so. Therefore, as I see it, if there are few laymen at Annual Meeting to work on the boards and committees and assist the ministers and their wives in reviewing the past year's program activities and to set up and recommend program activities for the coming year, it's

the fault, in part at least, of pastors not properly instructing lay delegates and getting them to come to Annual Meeting. Each church should have as many delegate alternates as needed to assure at least one lay delegate getting to Annual Meeting.

The following recommendations are presented to this Annual Meeting for your consideration, as an effort to increase attendance of laymen and their participation at Annual Meeting:

1. It is recommended that the invited pre-Annual Meeting of the board of Lay Activities be scheduled without conflict with other meetings. This is necessary in order to brief new members on the board, and to acquaint all members with subjects to be discussed and passed on during the business session of the Annual Meeting.

2. It is recommended that in order to get more laymen participation, the Annual Meeting be reduced to three days to include Saturday and Sunday.

3. It is recommended that issues to be discussed by the individual boards and commissions be in the hands of the delegates three weeks prior to the meeting. This should be the responsibility of the chairman of the various boards and commissions.

In closing I would like to place in nomination the following laymen for the coming year:

Conference Layleader William Serby (1st Church, Anchorage)
Associate Layleader W. E. Staats (Fairbanks)

Marion Kempf (Kenai)
Murray Simpson (Ketchikan)
John Poling (Nome)
James Griffin (Sitka)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Howard DeVore, Chairman

THE SCHOOL OF MISSION

"The Church Takes a Look At the Meaning of Mission" was a headline in the Anchorage Daily News July 6, 1968. The reporter had learned of the plans for the 1968 Annual School of Mission sponsored jointly by the Alaska Women's Society of Christian Service and the Board of Missions to be held July 26-28 on the campus of Alaska Methodist University. It was significant that the Reverend Eugene L. Stockwell, assistant general secretary for program administration in the World Division of the Board of Missions and author of the text "Claimed by God for Mission," was coming to Alaska for the event. Behind the headlines were the facts of tireless efforts on the part of Mrs. James Powell, dean of the school, and many others who had composed her staff. Between the lines one might read of the participation of persons in every Anchorage Methodist Church for the work of preparation. One could include the laboratory school training of your board chairman in a regional coaching conference to better serve as staff and coordinator of the school. Reverend Leo Cramer was trained at a regional school of mission to serve as Bible study leader on the Gospel of John. Others were sent for training by the Women's Society of Christian Service. In addition to the Bible Study and Stockwell's course on "New Forms of Mission," Southeast Asia received attention in three sections taught by Walter L. Hays, Richard Gilbert and Howard DeVore. Seventy-six persons were registered as leaders, staff, delegates, youth and day students.

THE CHURCH IN MISSION

The entire story of the Alaska Methodist Church in mission during the past twelve months will never be told. Illustrative of our church not only looking at mission but engaging in mission is the involvement of United Methodists in helping programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity. Churches in Anchorage; Turnagain, First, and St. John, our church in Chugiak, Fairbanks and others have opened their facilities for use by the Headstart Program. One has only to observe the development of these disadvantaged children over a few months to be fully aware of Jesus' meaning when he said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Chugiak Church also served as a Neighborhood Service Center providing employment and legal services, workshops in homemaking, and help to older persons. Particularly noteworthy was the ministry of the Chugiak Pastor as chairman of the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency and his re-election to that critical post for another year. The Turnagain Church sets its goal at the "total involvement of the whole church" and aimed at the deployment of persons as informers and enablers to A-Home, the Council on Alcoholism, Welcome Center, Fish, the Coffee Umbrella and backed their involvement with contributions of impressive proportions. Fairbanks United Methodists continue ecumenical participation in the Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, Alaska Retarded Children Association, Hope Center for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped, and plans for a home for boys. Sitka works with native children in summer programs and a special ministry to residents of the Pioneers Home. Nome sees the fine work of the Vista Volunteers utilizing our community center and the excellent leadership given Rural Alaska Community Action Agency by the Reverend Ernest Jones. The Fund for Reconciliation has been the opportunity for real building as well as contributions. Chugiak's dinner with members of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Anchorage has continued as blacks and whites meet together for meals, lectures and discussion of current issues and Anchor Park families have also enjoyed meetings and meals with these brethren. At Kenai studies on John, Southeast Asia and New Forms of Mission are matched by ecumenical worship, support of the Council on Alcoholism, establishment of a Salvation Army Thrift Shop (that will eventually support a teen center and/or an alcohol rehabilitation center) and plans for a Fish Organization. As St. John reads, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples which are not written in this book (report); but these are written that you may believe . . . and believing you (and others) may have life in his name." (20:30-31.)

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ALASKA MISSION

1. **ADVANCE SPECIAL:** That the following continue to receive our support as Advance Specials in the Alaska Mission: Jesse Lee Home, Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Hospital, Alaska Methodist University, the Wesley Foundation, Southeast Camp, Birchwood Camp, and Welcome Centers.

2. **SCHOOL OF MISSION:** That the churches of Alaska Mission send youth and adult delegates to the 1969 Annual School of Mission and make provisions for expenses. Note: The 1969 School will be held August 15-17 featuring three studies, "The Christian in Today's

World," "Toward Understanding China and Chinese People," and "Reconciliation in a Broken World."

3. CHURCH IN THE WORLD: That every church in every Alaska community sensitize itself to the world about it by assigning individuals of the church to attend such meetings as Borough Assemblies, City Councils, League of Women Voters, Parent-Teachers Association, School Boards, Human Relations Councils, local chapters of NAACP, and other influential organizations of community life. And, that these persons make reports to the local council on ministries for involvement of the total church.

4. ANCHORAGE RESOLUTION FOR DIP: That recognizing the need for rehabilitation of person arrested on the charge of "drunk in public," the Alaska Mission give support to the ad hoc committee on Drunk in Public of the Anchorage Council on Alcoholism and concur in the recommendations it has made for the treatment of persons arrested on the charge of "drunk in public." (see committee report)

5. HOUSING: That the Alaska United Methodist Mission instruct the Program Council to appoint a task force on housing for the study of low and middle income housing in the cities of Alaska, particularly Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. And that a report be made to the annual meeting of 1970 and the National Division of the Board of Mission.

6. DR. MEREDITH GROVES: That the Alaska United Methodist Mission recognize and applaud the tireless efforts and amazing results of the superintendent of the mission Dr. Meredith Groves as he has inspired and led our churches in mission in Alaska over these past five years.

BUDGET

PROPOSED FOR LAST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1969

Leadership Training

Travel and Expense of Board Member to Northwest International Conference on The Christian World Mission Salem, Oregon, August 69	\$250.00
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Alaska School of Mission

Half Air Fare of Delegates from churches outside Anchorage representing the Council on Ministries Mission Work Area	\$330.00
In-school expense of Board giving leadership	\$100.00
Promotional Expenses	50.00

TOTAL SEVEN MONTHS

\$730.00

PROPOSED FOR TWELVE MONTHS OF 1970

Leadership Training

Travel to Coaching Conference for one in preparation for Alaska School of Mission on west coast, Spring 1970	\$ 250.00
Travel and expense of Board Member to Conference on Christian World Mission or Regional School of Mission Summer of 1970	\$ 250.00

Alaska School of Mission

Half Air Fare of Delegates from outside Anchorage from local Council on Ministries Mission Work Area	\$ 330.00
In-school expense of Board giving leadership	\$ 100.00

Promotional Expenses	\$ 100.00
New Work and New Projects	\$ 200.00
TOTAL TWELVE MONTHS	\$1,230.00

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Missions and Church Extension

Howard DeVore, chairman, Thomas Dahl, Charles Horner, Eugene Walters, Beverly Bowers, Aleen Fison, Barbara Shaffer, Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mrs. Ellie Kulukhon, DeEtte Goff, Mrs. Howard DeVore, Carol Daly, William Searby, Mrs. Jeanette Beatty.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Murray A. Simpson, Chairman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions that all ministers entering the Alaska Mission during the coming year, 1969-1970, be included in the Ministers Reserve Fund.

2. We again recommend that each minister give consideration to making his personal contribution to the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund on the basis of 3% of the average salary of the Annual Conference in which his membership is held, and that this request be submitted to the Alaska Mission Board of Pensions.

3. That the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75.00 per member.

4. That should any surplus develop after payment of MPRF, Death Benefit Program, and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the stabilization Fund of the Pension Account of the Alaska Mission.

5. That amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Stabilization Fund.

TOTAL PENSION PROGRAM

Estimated Cost — 1969-1970

Funding MPRF — 20 members at \$500 each	\$10,000.00
Clearinghouse Distribution	3,170.00
Death Benefit Program — 20 Members at \$75.00 each	1,500.00
Additional Funding — A. Wischmeier, W. Hays, T. Dahl	1,725.00
TOTAL COST	\$16,395.00

Estimated Income — 1969-1970

From apportionments to charges	\$ 6,224.24
Methodist Publishing House	212 25
Chartered Fund (estimated)	125.00
General Board of Pensions	3,049.00

Division of National Missions:

1/3 annuity funding	2,333.34
1/2 of reg. contr. in excess of 3,500	1,500.00
1/3 Clearinghouse	1,227.17
Funding for A. Wischmeier, W. Hays, T. Dahl	1,725.00

	<u>6,785.51</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,395.00

ALASKA MISSION SHARE

Estimated Cost — 1969-1970

1/3 Service Annuity Funding
1/2 of Reg. Contributions in excess of \$3,500.00
Death Benefit Program
1/3 Clearinghouse distribution

Estimated Income 1969-1970

Apportionments
Methodist Publishing House
Chartered Fund

\$ 6,560.49

6,224.24

212.25

\$ 6,560.49

5,003.79

INITIAL RESERVE FUND

Balance — As of 6/1/68

Receipts

6/1/68 Reverse Funding — Groves 21.44
10/1/68 Distr. of Realized Appreciation 114.00
4/8/69 Bd. of Pensions-Para. 1637- 68-69 3,258.33
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4/8/69 Bd. of Pensions-Para. 1637- 68-69 4,258.33

9,635.44

14,639.23

Disbursements

6/1/68 Transferred to Stabilization Fund 1,396.66
6/1/68 Funding — 67-68 6,300.00
6/1/68 DBT Premium — 18 men 1,350.00
9/1/68 Additional Funding 67-68 3,122.82

12,169.48

2,469.75

2,140.00

Balance Estimated as of 5/31/69

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance — As of 6/1/68

Receipts

6/10/68 By Meredith Groves 2,320.22
6/1/68 Transferred from Initial Reserve Fund 1,396.66
6/27/68 RPF - Refunded Extra Funding - 11.52
12/26/68 Alaska Mission-Methodist Church 3,822.00

7,550.40

18,028.29

Disbursements

4/7/68 To RPF - Due Paragraph No. 1637 — 68-69	6,003.49
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Estimated Interest at 6% to 5/31/69	12,024.80
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	869.25
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Balance Estimated as of 5/31/69	12,894.05
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Estimated 1969-1970

MINISTERS RESERVE PENSION FUND

Contributions on behalf of qualified members of Ministers Reserve Pension Fund for the Conference year ending May 31, 1970:

086490-3 Bowers, Robert	\$500.00	75.00
189150-3 Cramer, Leo C.	500.00	75.00
189180-0 Cramer, Max	500.00	75.00
202260-1 Dahl, Thomas H.	500.00	75.00
221850-2 DeVore, Howard	500.00	75.00
278940-5 Fison, David D.	500.00	75.00
342360-2 Groves, Eugene	500.00	75.00
371010-2 Hartman, Donald L.	500.00	75.00
415640-2 Horner, Charles W.	500.00	75.00
458610-1 Jones, Ernest H.	500.00	75.00
636720-5 Nelson, Robert	500.00	75.00
784620-7 Shaffer, John H.	500.00	75.00
879480-4 Thompson, James H.	500.00	75.00
884820-2 Tindell, John	500.00	75.00
893518-4 Trudeau, William G.	500.00	75.00
920940-4 Walters, Eugene H.	500.00	75.00
921300-7 Walther, John H.	500.00	75.00
924990-1 Warner, Walter R.	500.00	75.00
Hays, Walter L.	500.00	75.00
Wischmeier, A.	500.00	75.00
3 Additional	1,500.00	225.00
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	11,500.00	1,725.00

Average Salary — \$5,000.00

Annual Contribution at 10% — \$500.00

Contribution 23 members in full — Full Year 13,225.00

DISTRIBUTION

Alaska Mission:

1/3 of Regular Contrib.	
of 1st 3,500	2,333.32
1/2 of Reg. Contr.	
in excess of 3,500	1,500.00

	3,833.32
Death Benefit Program	1,500.00

5,333.32

General Board of Pensions:

1/3 of Reg. Contribution	
of 1st 3,500.00	2,333.34

2,333.34

National Division of Board of Missions		
1/3 of Regular Contrib. of 1st 3,500.00	2,333.34	
1/2 of Regular Contrib. in excess of 3,500.00	1,500.00	
		3,833.34
10% Contribution, A. Wischmeier, W. Hays, T. Dahl	1,500.00	
Death Benefit Program on above	225.00	
		1,725.00
		5,558.34
		13,225.00

COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Thomas H. Dahl, Chairman

A. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from conference benevolences or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal shall make audited reports to the commission concerning all receipts and the disbursements thereof in such detail and at such times as the commission may direct." (Pp. 900, Book of Discipline)

2. We require each agency or Board receiving mission funds to submit a record of disbursements at least twice a year: 15 days before the close of the fiscal year (ca. December 15) and 15 days before the first day of Annual Meeting (ca. May 15).

3. We commend those Boards and organizations who did early budget preparation, and recommend that all requests for funds be submitted to the Commission at its first pre-Conference meeting.

4. We recommend that the Annual Meeting adopt two budgets; one for the period 1 July-31 December, 1969; and one for Calendar Year 1970. We further recommend that budget preparation for the fiscal year beginning on the following 1 January be done at the Annual Meeting.

5. We recommend that each year's concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the following year's grade figures for all items of the budget and that total members be the membership figure. Total members should include Associate Members.

6. We recommend that the Alaska Mission office mail quarterly report of all monies appropriated and received to the following: The National Division, the Bishop, and appropriate local church personnel.

7. We recommend that items A, B, and C of the Mission budget be placed on the grade figure system of determining apportionments to each local church in the Mission.

8. We recommend that all cash balances revert to the general funds of A, B, and C of the Mission Budget 15 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

9. We recommend the vigorous support through the Advance of all the United Methodist institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of Alaska Methodist University Sunday and Jesse Lee Sunday.

10. We recommend that \$3,500 of unexpended funds in the general fund be used to reduce the budget.

B. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the Superintendent and other persons selected by him be available by invitation to local churches for assistance in financial programs; that travel and support be taken from the total amount raised; and that the person chosen work closely with the pastor to further his program.

2. We recommend that the Mission newsletter include samples of materials to assist local churches with their financial programs.

3. We recommend that each local church conduct a vigorous educational program in the stewardship of life. The proven vehicle for increasing the stewardship of finances is the Every-Member Visitation, and we strongly urge each local church to use whatever resources necessary to work toward a successful EMV.

4. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission be accepted for the 1969-70 calendar year, including the \$1,000 apportionment for Ministerial Education.

5. We gratefully commend the churches of the Mission for their faithful and regular payment of World Service and Conference Benevolences apportioned to them.

6. We gratefully commend the good offices of our Mission Superintendent, Dr. Meredith Groves, in his constant vigilance over the financial affairs of the Mission throughout his term of office. We especially commend him for his personal administration of Every-Member Visitations in Sitka, Chugiak, and Nome during this past year.

C. GRADE FIGURE SYSTEM

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

Local Expenses* Grade Figure equals Individual Church expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

*Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense.

D. BUDGET 1969-1970

	June-Dec. 1969	Jan.-Dec. 1970
A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT		
Episcopal Fund	700	1,209
Superintendent's Fund	1,750	3,350
Conference Claimants	3,531	6,025
Support for Executive Secretary	581	1,000
Less Unexpended Reserve	(500)	(1,000)
TOTAL	\$6,062	\$10,584
B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION		
Temporary General Aid	313	536
General Administration	469	688
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	243	378
Jurisdictional Administration	42	72
Mission Office Fund	2,681	5,060
Annual Meeting		1,000
Board of Ministerial Training	600	600
TOTAL	\$4,348	\$8,334
C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES		
World Service	1,619	2,775
Conference Benevolences		
Higher Education		
AMU Budget	1,000	3,000
Wesley Foundation	291	500
AMU Student Work	100	250
Boards and Agencies		
Alaska Council of Churches	725	1,400
Ecumenical Affairs	20	700
Valdez		500
Ministerial Education	300	700
Health & Welfare Ministries	110	515
Missions	730	1,230
Christian Social Concerns	350	600
Education	1,537	2,600
Lay Activities		25
Program Council	350	650
Jesse Lee Home	1,300	3,000
Evangelism	50	150
Commission on Worship	50	100
Less Unexpended Reserve	(500)	(1,500)
TOTAL	\$8,032	\$17,195
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,442	\$36,113

E. APPORTIONMENTS

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Church	Grade	Min.	Conn.	World	Total	Min.	Conn.	World	Total
	Point	Supp.	Adm.	Service		Supp.	Adm.	Service	
Anchor Park	7.9	479	343	635	1457	836	658	1359	2853
East Anchorage	3.4	206	148	273	627	360	283	584	1227
First, Anchorage	19.8	1200	861	1590	3651	2096	1650	3406	7152
Girdwood	.2	12	9	16	37	21	17	34	72
St. John	2.7	164	117	217	498	286	225	464	975
Hope	.1	6	4	8	18	11	8	17	36
Turnagain	8.0	485	348	643	1476	847	667	1376	2890
Chugiak	3.6	218	157	289	664	381	300	620	1301
Fairbanks	13.9	843	604	1116	2563	1471	1159	2391	5021
Anchor Point	.2	12	9	16	37	21	17	34	72
Homer	1.6	97	70	129	296	169	133	274	576
Ninilchik	.6	36	26	48	110	63	50	103	216
Seldovia	.4	24	17	32	73	42	33	69	144
Douglas	2.4	146	104	192	442	254	200	412	866
Juneau	9.1	552	396	731	1679	963	758	1565	3286
Kenai	5.0	303	217	402	922	529	417	860	1806
North Kenai	.8	48	35	64	147	85	67	138	290
Soldotna	1.7	103	74	137	314	180	142	292	614
Ketchikan	9.0	546	391	723	1660	953	750	1548	3251
Nome	3.4	206	148	273	627	360	283	584	1227
Seward	2.8	170	122	225	517	296	233	481	1010
Moose Pass	.5	30	22	40	92	53	42	86	181
Sitka	2.9	176	126	233	535	307	242	498	1047
TOTALS	100.0	6062	4348	8032	18442	10584	8334	17195	36113

F. BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1968

ACCT. NO.		BALANCE JUNE 1, 1968	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1968
2000	Ministerial Support	2.11	7,024.69	5,917.22	1,109.58
2011	Episcopal Fund	2.00	.....	2.00	.....
2012	Conference Claimants	596.09	3,225.91	3,822.00	.....
3020	Connectional Administration	82.28	4,473.80	4,205.32	350.76
3022	Jurisdictional Administration	.....	72.00	72.00	.....
3024	Interdenominational Coop. Fund	103.68	.....	103.68	.....
3025	Alaska Council of Churches	87.55	931.00	102.55	916.00
4030	World Service	102.82	9,614.92	8,586.82	1,130.92
4031	World Service Specials	.....	3.23	3.23	.....
4032	General Advance Specials	160.25	477.52	637.77	.....
4033	One Great Hour of Sharing	79.00	.....	79.00	.....
4034	Fellowship of Suff. & Service	.....	543.92	543.92	.....
4035	TV Ministry	10.00	.....	10.00	.....
4036	Methodist Student Day	.....	31.96	31.96	.....
4037	Methodist Youth Fund	.....	259.13	259.13	.....
4038	Race Relations	.....	.....	.....	.....
4039	AMU	.....	296.60	296.60	.....
4041	Fund for Reconciliation	.....	906.21	.....	906.21
4042	Methodist Student Movement	.....	39.25	39.25	.....
4044	Rally Day	.....	193.44	193.44	.....
4047	Jesse Lee Home	22.00	50.72	72.72	.....
4048	Conference Advance Specials	75.00	375.00	375.00	75.00
5050A	Conf. Benevolence Reserve	3,155.57	339.28	1,750.00	1,744.85
5051	Board of Education	.....	3,406.94	3,296.42	110.52
5052A	Audio Visual Library	(90.91)	199.00	123.42	(15.33)
5054	Western Area Camp Development	117.99	583.31	912.00	(210.70)
5054A	Western Area Camp Program	3,331.30	7,304.53	9,243.88	1,391.95
5054B	Central Alaska Camping Comm.	.....	300.00	.....	300.00
5055	Cache of Songs	104.50	25.00	.....	129.50
5056	Board of Lay Activities	295.60	.....	.....	295.60
5071	Board of Social Concerns	141.12	374.00	282.82	232.30
5073	Board of Missions	7.79	1,038.90	503.02	543.67
5092	Builders' Club	.....	152.00	21.40	130.60
5715	Pension Fund (Personal Payments)	99.83	1,986.97	1,986.97	99.83
5716	Hospital & Medical Insurance	498.19	3,264.94	3,696.78	66.35
	TOTALS	8,983.76	47,494.17	47,170.32	9,307.61

COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Mrs. John Walther, Chairman

The members of the Appreciation Committee of the Second Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church on behalf of the Meeting wish to extend Thanks and appreciation to:

Dr. Fred McGinnis, President of the Alaska Methodist University, for so graciously providing us a place for our Meeting, his participation in the Banquet, and ask him to please extend our thanks to all those in his staff who have served us and have made our meeting so successful and pleasant;

Dr. Meredith Groves, Mission Superintendent, and his Mission staff, especially Marybeth Sturgis and Pat Cole, for their untiring and devoted efforts;

The ministers of the local churches and members of their congregations for so graciously receiving us into their homes and for carrying out the "house-keeping duties" so necessary in the smooth running of such a meeting as ours;

Cokesbury Publishing House for their fine display and their contribution to the Pension Fund.

The Ministers' Wives of the Alaska Mission wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the Alaska Mission of their delightful luncheon held during the week of the Annual Meeting; and the presence of Mrs. Everett Palmer, Mrs. Albert Adams, Mrs. Meredith Groves, and Mrs. Ac Wischmeier.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to:

The Organists, Mrs. Richard Gay, Mrs. Walt Hays, and Mrs. Natalie Brooks for their inspiring music and for so ably leading us in our hymn singing;

Our Liturgists: Rev. David Fison, pastor, First Church, Fairbanks, and Rev. Larmon Stennis, pastor of the First Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Anchorage, and ask Rev. Stennis to please extend our special thanks to his choir for their inspirational message in song;

Our Liturgists: Jean Woodring and Joel DeVore, young adults; Alison Reardon with her guitar for her special music message; The United Youth Choirs for their ministry in music and to Mona Cramer, their Director;

Our Worship Committee: David Fison, Walter Hays, Jr., Mrs. William Lowe, and especially Chris Brooks in formulating our Holy Communion and Memorial Service.

We are especially grateful to:

Dr. Albert Adams, Dr. Harry Komuro, and Miss Burris, from the Board of Mission, New York, for their presence with us and for their thought-provoking words; and our own

Bishop Everett Palmer for his kindly and masterful conducting of our Annual Meeting as well as for his words of wisdom.

Our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation we would extend to F. Gerald Ensley, Resident Bishop of Ohio West Area of the United Methodist Church, for his inspirational and soul-searching messages. Our Annual Meeting will long remember his gracious presence.

We are grateful to Rev. Meredith Groves for his many year of untiring service and devotion to the Alaska Mission and we wish him God's blessings in his coming retirement and continuing ministry to

Christ's Church. We welcome with open hearts our new Alaska Superintendent, Rev. Ac Wischmeier.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

Meredith A. Groves, Chairman

A new parsonage at Turnagain. Basement completed at Sitka. Tustamena Church moved to Soldotna and completed. Trailer parsonage at North Kenai. Three caribou cabins built at Birchwood. Major improvements at Southeast Alaska Camp are being developed. Plans for church school addition; East Anchorage, Ketchikan for this summer. Caribou cabin and caretakers house at Birchwood and more facilities at Southeast Alaska Camp.

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	LOANS	GRANTS
Turnagain	\$ 35,000	
First Anchorage	90,000	
Soldotna		\$50,000

REQUESTED FOR JUNE 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1969

Kenai	35,000	50,000
East Anchorage	20,000	30,000
Ketchikan	25,000	5,000
Birchwood Camp		
Caribou Cabin		2,000
Caretaker's Lodge		7,500
Southeast Alaska Camp		6,000
North Kenai	2,000	3,000

IN THE FUTURE — 1970

Juneau	100,000	75,000
Birchwood Caretaker's Lodge		7,500
First Anchorage	100,000	25,000
Eagle River Camp		13,000

TENTATIVE FUTURE PROJECTS — Estimated to cost as follows:

Birchwood Cabins	\$ 4,000
Douglas Educational Wing	30,000
North Kenai First Unit	50,000
East Anchorage Sanctuary	100,000
St. John Sanctuary	100,000
Sitka	100,000

COMMITTEE ON ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Robert Nelson, Chairman

1. Commend those local congregations attempting an ecumenical approach in ministry, program and membership. Encourage steps be taken to formulate and/or further united work with cooperating denominations, and urge consultation with other communions seeking to establish united parish work. Commend the ecumenical ventures of the Wesley Board at the U. of A. and the Camp Committees.

2. Encourage participation to the fullest extent possible in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Consultation on Church Union Sunday, participation in and/or formation of local councils/conferences of churches, ecumenical study groups using LIVING ROOM DIALOGUES I and II.

3. Encourage local congregations of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church take the steps needed to initiate concelebration of the Order for Proclamation of The Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion among and between the participant communions of the Consultation on Church Union.

4. Request that the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church memorialize the twelfth Assembly of the Alaska Council of Churches to study the constitutions of the conferences of churches in the states of Texas, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona as possible models for Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic cooperation in the State of Alaska.

5. The Committee on Ecumenical Affairs requests permission to formulate an appropriate salutation and presenting delegation to the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska.

FUND FOR RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Meredith A. Groves, Chairman

We appreciate greatly the support of the Fund for Reconciliation by ministers and churches of the Alaska Mission. A total of \$9,602.70 has been pledged of which \$2,015.00 was pledged by the ministers. To date, \$2,366.48 has been paid.

Projects approved for submission to the National Committee in Dayton are as follows, with the following priorities:

1. Social Worker for the Welcome Center, Anchorage, Alaska
2. Teen Center, Juneau, funding for hostesses from Antioch College for two year period
3. A worker with single young adults in Anchorage
4. Project "Golden Opportunity," Nome, for funding of a person to direct an alcohol rehabilitation program

We are studying the preliminary report of the Consultation of the Church and Human Need in Alaska and awaiting a refinement of same that we may use it in helping guide us in developing other projects. We recommend that the Bishop appoint a committee to continue to study and recommend projects and to request their funding from the Fund for Reconciliation.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Max W. Cramer, Chairman

We are presently in the "Hospital and Medical Expense Program" as provided for by the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church. We recommend continuing in the present program.

The plan is fully explained in two documents, "Hospital and Medical Expense Program" provided by the General Board of Pensions and "Certificate of Insurance" provided by Travelers Insurance Company. We recommend that each insured person become thoroughly familiar with these two documents.

We recommend publishing in the Journal names of churches and pastors paying their payments.

We note some changes to be effective as of January 1, 1969:

1. Under 65 comprehensive increased from 15,000 to 25,000 maximum benefits payable with automatic restoration of \$1,000 for each calendar year.

2. Maternity benefits will be paid on the same basis as benefit payments for covered expenses resulting from illness or accident.

This replaces stated maximum payment previous to July 1, 1969.

3. Increase from 10,000 to 15,000 of lifetime maximum benefits payable following attaining age 65.

4. There will be at least 15% increase in premiums to be paid on 50-50 basis by pastor and the local church.

5. There will be no premium refund returning to us this year, making necessary the increase in premiums along with increase coverage costs.

COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM PASTOR'S SALARY

Don Keil, Chairman

The Minimum Pastoral Support Committee met on 23 and 25 May making the following recommendations:

1. That the percentage factors applied to the minimum salary for the areas of Alaska remain the same as presently set.

2. That the division approve a six percent increase in the minimum salary base for budget year 1970.

3. That each charge in the mission make every effort to assume the cost of this increase. In those cases where this is clearly not within the capability of the charge, the Division of Missions be advised of this opinion by the superintendent.

4. To help relieve the division in support to Alaska and to assume an appropriate position on responsibility to our fellow churches in the mission those churches establishing a position of "self support" consider the concept of "Missions to Missions." Applications of this concept will result in "self support" congregations extending their giving horizons to include shares of the support cost for other congregations or administrative cost (i.e., Superintendent, Director of Religious Education) in the Alaska mission.

Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild

Grace Wilson, President

The new official emblem for the United Methodist Church combines the cross and flame. These symbols date back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. Each evokes images of service, witness, and sacrifice. They remind us of both the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. Paul's ancient words to Timothy have fresh and contemporary meaning: "I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." (II Timothy 1:6a). The shape of the emblem is likewise symbolic. It is fluid and free-flowing, suggesting change and mobility.

Women's Society of Christian Service often leads in movements for change, at times supporting the projects initiated by others, but always aware of the times and striving to move with them rather than be overwhelmed by them.

We believe that God is in the midst of movement toward change in our society and that He is giving direction toward changing concepts of the church and its mission and our rolls in it.

Then you ask "Why do we hang on so savagely to those things and forms to which we have grown accustomed, to those structures which no longer seem compatible with our understanding of mission in this part of the twentieth century?"

We, like the young radicals, must seek ways of connecting the knowledge of the past and experience of the present, so that together they relate life and action.

It is often hard to pull such theory into harmony and practice. Too often in our local communities, we see the former mission institution struggling for life and we sense that the institution traditionally related to the life of the church is being assessed and found wanting.

The Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild combines into one of the most potentially creative involvements of lay women in the total mission of the church. We must use our strength to release an access to and through the church for lay participation in the affairs of the church. Only through such participation can we help the church avoid the trauma of non-participation of its laity and the tragedy of its own non-involvement in the world.

Women seem to live by the fact that by caring, values which otherwise might remain hidden will be realized.

Not all women have cared enough to give thoughtful consideration to the cause of social justice throughout the world and the great need for reconciliation of man with his brother man, nation with nation, labor with management, youth with their elders, and so forth. Only when we care will we become involved in finding some answers to our questions.

We must find ways to listen to those where there is dissension, we must find ways to know where hurt is, we must discover how deeply responsible we ourselves are for the burden of others. This is not an easy task, but a vitally urgent one. Bridges need building so that barriers of race, class, nation, and status are no longer road-blocks.

One of our studies this year is "Reconciliation in a Broken World." I hope each and every Methodist in Alaska will give some time and attention toward this study because we care about what happens in our world.

Two well-known slogans that I wish you would keep in mind are: "You cared enough to send the very best," and "We try harder." Women are called to care enough to give their very best in time, talents, and resources so that others may know and love their Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope we will try harder to study to obtain a better understanding of ourselves and others, and to really care about the persons who live in this world and this great state of ours.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Chronological List of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission
Chronological list of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission through 1966 are found on page 83 of the 1966 Official Journal.

2. Chronological List of Ministers Who Have Served in Alaska
The chronological list of ministers who have served in Alaska through June 1966 appears in the 1966 Official Journal, page 84. The next record will appear in the 1971 Journal.

3. REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN (Statistical Tables)

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Financial Tables)

IN MEMORIUM

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

LESLIE SPICER	Anchorage, Anchor Park
MRS. RALPH TOWNSEND	Anchorage, First
MR. DENNIS B. ROTHERMEL	Anchorage, First
MR. HERBERT SIMPSON	Anchorage, First
ROBYN ADAIR AUBREY	Chugiak
HELEN GARLINGTON	Fairbanks, First
MARLIN M. MYERS	Homer
MRS. LYNED MORRIS	Seldovia
ALLAN PETERSON	Kenai
DONALD LOUIS MANN	Kenai
JAMES BERLIN SHETTLESWORTH	Tustamena, Church of Christ the Victor
KATHERINE RONQUIST	Ketchikan
WILLIAM A. THOMPSON	Ketchikan
LEONARD WAKEFIELD	Ketchikan
LAURA SELIG	Ketchikan
BRAD COLE	Ketchikan
ERNEST W. NOREEN	Ketchikan
MRS. GLENN R. PHILLIPS	San Diego, California (Wife of Bishop Glenn R. Phillips)

PASTORAL RECORD

(All pastors serving in the Alaska Mission hold membership in Annual Conference)

BOWERS, ROBERT DALE—Trial 1958, South Iowa Conference; Full Connection 1961; Deacon 1959; Elder 1961; Drake University 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary 1961; South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward-Moose Pass 1967, Kenai 1969. Wife: Beverly Jackson. Children: Stephen Robert b. 10-24-61; Carolyn Jean b. 10-13-63; Christine Yvonne b. 1-24-66.

CRAMER, LEO CARL—Trial 1955, Central Pennsylvania; Full Connection 1957, Erie Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; West Virginia Wesleyan College 1954; Wesley Theological Seminary 1957. 1955 Newton Hamilton; 1957, Sandy Lake; 1963, Alaska Mission, Chugiak; 1965 Anchor Park. Wife Mona Lou Buhite. Children: Jamie Elizabeth b. 7-10-55; Stephen Carl b. 10-22-57; Cathy Sue b. 6-23-59; Craig John b. 6-13-61.

CRAMER, MAX WAYNE—Trial, Erie 1951; Full member 1954, Central Pennsylvania; Deacon 1952, Flint; Elder, 1954, Oxnam; Transferred to Western Pennsylvania 1959; West Virginia Wesleyan January 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary 1954. 1951, Claysburg; 1954, McVeytown; 1956, Snow Shoe; 1958, Reedsville; 1959, Harrisville; February 1965, Lakeside, Dubois; 1966, Alaska Mission, Anchorage East. Girdwood; 1968 Anchorage East. Wife: Gladys Sheesley. Children: Ellen b. 2-9-47; Robert b. 8-10-48; Diana b. 9-5-51; Nancy b. 8-31-55; Beata b. 12-3-57.

DAHL, THOMAS HOWARD—Trial, 1961, Minnesota; Full Connection, 1964, Minnesota; Deacon 1961; Elder 1964; University of Minnesota 1960; Wesley Theological Seminary 1964. 1958, Minnesota Finlayson; 1961, Peninsula, Ellendale; 1964, Alaska Mission, Homer; 1966, Juneau; 1969, Director, Model Cities Agency, City of Juneau. Wife: Gail Elizabeth Golden. Children: Steven Eric b. 6-28-61; Kathryn Mary b. 5-9-64; Michael Thomas b. 5-19-66.

DeVORE, HOWARD LEWIS—Trial 1950, Iowa-Des Moines; Full Connection 1954, Iowa-Des Moines; Deacon 1952; Elder 1954; Centerville Junior College 1948; Iowa Wesleyan College 1950; Garrett Theological Seminary 1954. 1950, Iowa-Des Moines, Mt. Union; 1954, Gravity; 1958, Menlo; 1962, Alaska Mission, Nome; 1966, St. John, Hope. Wife: Betty Jean Clemens. Children: Joel Stephen b. 6-10-51; Jon Michael b. 12-10-54.

FELLERS, JAMES ROBERT—Trial, 1967, Central Kansas; Full Connection 1969, Kansas West; Deacon 1967; Elder 1969; Asbury College 1966; Candler School of Theology 1969; North Georgia, Belvedere 1966; Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish, North Star 1969. Wife: Faye. Brother-in-law: Ray Gilkey.

FISON, DAVID KONRAD—Trial 1954, Rock River; Full Connection 1956, Rock River; Deacon 1954; Elder 1956; William Jewell College 1952; Garrett Biblical Institute 1956. 1949, Southwest Missouri, Bates City; 1952, Rock River, Malden; 1954, Ingleside; 1956, South Deering; 1960, Alaska Mission, Anchorage, First; 1961, Ketchikan, First; 1966, Fairbanks, First. Wife: D. Aleen Boxx. Children: Susan Renee b. 6-20-47; Deborah Ann b. 3-19-53; Paul Wesley b. 8-1-58; Jane Elizabeth b. 7-20-61; David James b. 9-23-63.

GAY, RICHARD RODDA—Trial 1945, Philadelphia; Full Connection 1947, Pittsburgh; Deacon 1944; Elder 1946; Ursinus College 1942; School of Theology, Drew University 1945; Graduate School, University of Pittsburgh 1949. 1941 Philadelphia, Evansburg; 1943, St. John's; 1944, Hulmeville; 1946, Pittsburgh, First (Associate); Special Appointments, 1950, Director of Religious Activities and Assistant Professor of Religion, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1954 Assistant to the President, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1956, Warrenburg, Ohio Church; 1960, Alaska Mission, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain; 1961, Rabbit Creek Mission (Church of the Beloved Disciple); 1962, Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain, Alaska Methodist University. Wife: Averill Virginia Fox. Children: Judith Sharyn b. 1-4-45; Patricia Lynne b. 6-20-48; Sheryl Avril b. 4-8-51; Richard Rodda, III b. 4-25-55; Jerilee b. 6-28-60.

GILBERT, RICHARD E.—Trial 1964, New York Conference; Full Connection 1966; Deacon 1964; Elder 1966; Albion College 1953; Garrett Theological Seminary 1958. 1958, Director of Christian Education, Children's Village, Detroit, Michigan; Jan. 1964, White Plains, New York (associate); Sept. 1965, Alaska Mission, Director, Jesse Lee Home. Wife: Mary. Children: Marilyn Lorraine b. 8-13-46; Mark Carlyle b. 4-14-55.

GROVES, LELAND EUGENE—Trial 1959, Oregon; Full Connection 1962; Deacon 1960; Elder 1962; Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961. 1961, Sutherlin-Wilbur; 1963, Alaska Mission, Anchorage First Associate; 1966, in school; 1967, Alaska Mission, Fairbanks First Associate and Wesley Foundation; 1969, Chugiak. Wife: LaRae Atwood. Children: Jeffry b. 12-9-67.

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE—Trial 1959, Pittsburgh; Full Connection, Western Pennsylvania, 1962; Deacon 1959; Elder 1962; Ashbury College 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary 1962. 1957, Kentucky Mitchellsburg - Wesley Chapel; 1958, Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport, Christy Park; 1962, Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate); 1964, Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry; 1966 Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate); 1968, Anchorage First Associate and Girdwood. Wife: Alma Doyle Young. Children: Karl Bradford b. 7-24-56; Jeanette Lynn b. 7-22-57; Kurt Brian b. 1-14-59; Janet Lee b. 6-7-60.

9. We recommend the vigorous support through the Advance of all the United Methodist institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of Alaska Methodist University Sunday and Jesse Lee Sunday.

10. We recommend that \$3,500 of unexpended funds in the general fund be used to reduce the budget.

B. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the Superintendent and other persons selected by him be available by invitation to local churches for assistance in financial programs; that travel and support be taken from the total amount raised; and that the person chosen work closely with the pastor to further his program.

2. We recommend that the Mission newsletter include samples of materials to assist local churches with their financial programs.

3. We recommend that each local church conduct a vigorous educational program in the stewardship of life. The proven vehicle for increasing the stewardship of finances is the Every-Member Visitation, and we strongly urge each local church to use whatever resources necessary to work toward a successful EMV.

4. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission be accepted for the 1969-70 calendar year, including the \$1,000 apportionment for Ministerial Education.

5. We gratefully commend the churches of the Mission for their faithful and regular payment of World Service and Conference Benevolences apportioned to them.

6. We gratefully commend the good offices of our Mission Superintendent, Dr. Meredith Groves, in his constant vigilance over the financial affairs of the Mission throughout his term of office. We especially commend him for his personal administration of Every-Member Visitations in Sitka, Chugiak, and Nome during this past year.

C. GRADE FIGURE SYSTEM

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

Local Expenses* Grade Figure equals Individual Church expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

*Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense.

D. BUDGET 1969-1970

	June-Dec. 1969	Jan.-Dec. 1970
A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT		
Episcopal Fund	700	1,209
Superintendent's Fund	1,750	3,350
Conference Claimants	3,531	6,025
Support for Executive Secretary	581	1,000
Less Unexpended Reserve	(500)	(1,000)
TOTAL	\$6,062	\$10,584
B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION		
Temporary General Aid	313	536
General Administration	469	688
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	243	378
Jurisdictional Administration	42	72
Mission Office Fund	2,681	5,060
Annual Meeting		1,000
Board of Ministerial Training	600	600
TOTAL	\$4,348	\$8,334
C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES		
World Service	1,619	2,775
Conference Benevolences		
Higher Education		
AMU Budget	1,000	3,000
Wesley Foundation	291	500
AMU Student Work	100	250
Boards and Agencies		
Alaska Council of Churches	725	1,400
Ecumenical Affairs	20	700
Valdez		500
Ministerial Education	300	700
Health & Welfare Ministries	110	515
Missions	730	1,230
Christian Social Concerns	350	600
Education	1,537	2,600
Lay Activities		25
Program Council	350	650
Jesse Lee Home	1,300	3,000
Evangelism	50	150
Commission on Worship	50	100
Less Unexpended Reserve	(500)	(1,500)
TOTAL	\$8,032	\$17,195
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,442	\$36,113

E. APPORTIONMENTS

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Church	Grade Point	Min. Supp.	Conn. Adm.	World Service	Total	Min. Supp.	Conn. Adm.	World Service	Total
Anchor Park	7.9	479	343	635	1457	836	658	1359	2853
East Anchorage	3.4	206	148	273	627	360	283	584	1227
First, Anchorage	19.8	1200	861	1590	3651	2096	1650	3406	7152
Girdwood	.2	12	9	16	37	21	17	34	72
St. John	2.7	164	117	217	498	286	225	464	975
Hope	.1	6	4	8	18	11	8	17	36
Turnagain	8.0	485	348	643	1476	847	667	1376	2890
Chugiak	3.6	218	157	289	664	381	300	620	1301
Fairbanks	13.9	843	604	1116	2563	1471	1159	2391	5021
Anchor Point	.2	12	9	16	37	21	17	34	72
Homer	1.6	97	70	129	296	169	133	274	576
Ninilchik	.6	36	26	48	110	63	50	103	216
Seldovia	.4	24	17	32	73	42	33	69	144
Douglas	2.4	146	104	192	442	254	200	412	866
Juneau	9.1	552	396	731	1679	963	758	1565	3286
Kenai	5.0	303	217	402	922	529	417	860	1806
North Kenai	.8	48	35	64	147	85	67	138	290
Soldotna	1.7	103	74	137	314	180	142	292	614
Ketchikan	9.0	546	391	723	1660	953	750	1548	3251
Nome	3.4	206	148	273	627	360	283	584	1227
Seward	2.8	170	122	225	517	296	233	481	1010
Moose Pass	.5	30	22	40	92	53	42	86	181
Sitka	2.9	176	126	233	535	307	242	498	1047
TOTALS	100.0	6062	4348	8032	18442	10584	8334	17195	36113

F. BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1968

ACCT. NO.		BALANCE JUNE 1, 1968	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1968
2000	Ministerial Support	2.11	7,024.69	5,917.22	1,109.58
2011	Episcopal Fund	2.00	.....	2.00	.....
2012	Conference Claimants	596.09	3,225.91	3,822.00	.....
3020	Connectional Administration	82.28	4,473.80	4,205.32	350.76
3022	Jurisdictional Administration	.....	72.00	72.00	.....
3024	Interdenominational Coop. Fund	103.68	.....	103.68	.....
3025	Alaska Council of Churches	87.55	931.00	102.55	916.00
4030	World Service	102.82	9,614.92	8,586.82	1,130.92
4031	World Service Specials	.....	3.23	3.23	.....
4032	General Advance Specials	160.25	477.52	637.77	.....
4033	One Great Hour of Sharing	79.00	.....	79.00	.....
4034	Fellowship of Suff. & Service	.....	543.92	543.92	.....
4035	TV Ministry	10.00	.....	10.00	.....
4036	Methodist Student Day	.....	31.96	31.96	.....
4037	Methodist Youth Fund	.....	259.13	259.13	.....
4038	Race Relations	.....	.....	.....	.....
4039	AMU	.....	296.60	296.60	.....
4041	Fund for Reconciliation	.....	906.21	.....	906.21
4042	Methodist Student Movement	.....	39.25	39.25	.....
4044	Rally Day	.....	193.44	193.44	.....
4047	Jesse Lee Home	22.00	50.72	72.72	.....
4048	Conference Advance Specials	75.00	375.00	375.00	75.00
5050A	Conf. Benevolence Reserve	3,155.57	339.28	1,750.00	1,744.85
5051	Board of Education	.....	3,406.94	3,296.42	110.52
5052A	Audio Visual Library	(90.91)	199.00	123.42	(15.33)
5054	Western Area Camp Development	117.99	583.31	912.00	(210.70)
5054A	Western Area Camp Program	3,331.30	7,304.53	9,243.88	1,391.95
5054B	Central Alaska Camping Comm.	.....	300.00	.....	300.00
5055	Cache of Songs	104.50	25.00	.....	129.50
5056	Board of Lay Activities	295.60	.....	.....	295.60
5071	Board of Social Concerns	141.12	374.00	282.82	232.30
5073	Board of Missions	7.79	1,038.90	503.02	543.67
5092	Builders' Club	.....	152.00	21.40	130.60
5715	Pension Fund (Personal Payments)	99.83	1,986.97	1,986.97	99.83
5716	Hospital & Medical Insurance	498.19	3,264.94	3,696.78	66.35
TOTALS		8,983.76	47,494.17	47,170.32	9,307.61

Nation

JURISDICTION

DATE

May 27, 1965

STATISTICIAN: Leo C. Gossard
ADDRESS: 2300 Oak Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, 99504

TABLE NO. 1

CHURCH	CHURCH SCHOOL					WELFARE			PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	169	26	36	300	125	20	6	42	532	4	427,346	49,000	13,000	53,392
12	66	22	20	120	80	14	6	13	184	0	13,500	38,500	0	3,250
27	123	29	12	223	141	16	14	110	713	3	87,764	49,000	197,000	16,911
1	9	18	0	110	84	0	0	0	289	0	16,000	50,000	0	900
9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	3,150
16	108	56	34	210	110	14	16	16	292	0	33,160	4,200	0	5,260
23	81	33	18	135	82	12	15	15	146	3	20,600	37,000	1,094	37,000
32	168	31	37	266	186	17	12	44	823	0	69,900	45,000	0	124,726
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
0	12	13	6	46	18	3	0	13	90	0	12,000	80,000	0	0
3	8	14	6	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	0	0	0
3	20	4	27	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	0	0	0
11	42	21	23	99	49	13	3	11	120	0	8,000	32,100	223	0
12	56	19	18	108	55	9	10	67	832	3	14,500	37,500	0	0
15	80	35	20	150	110	12	3	24	120	1	12,400	44,000	0	0
13	11	10	10	32	38	6	0	16	150	0	1,500	5,000	0	0
5	13	9	8	37	25	7	4	0	0	0	5,800	47,700	0	20,750
37	115	48	45	245	97	12	13	45	990	0	22,500	28,000	26,285	34,435
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,500	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,500	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	92	31	13	147	89	9	8	35	768	0	29,000	5,000	15,345	0
7	50	24	8	99	40	8	0	7	150	0	9,000	51,000	3,000	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0	0
12	28	8	10	49	38	7	2	32	50	0	10,400	3,200	0	19,800
13	292	505	351	2523	1450	182	112	504	6,329	4	423,700	683,500	237,345	37,2034
27	282	601	403	2893	1443	161	0	462	7,376	0	392,098	628,500	230,660	4,9023
20	197	96	254	4,36	7	112	37	1047	0	0	237,700	58,800	7285	82,303
														4,690
														1,100
														3,390

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THIS REPORT IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM June 1 19 68 TO December 31 19 68

CHURCH AND CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR		LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES				PASTOR'S SALARY		AMOUNTS R1 / SALARY	
		Prepared and checked by Pastor, Warden, Deacon, etc.	Building and Landscaping Fund (Excluded)	Church School, Lodge, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., etc.	Other Current Expenses, etc.	W & C	Deacons Stipends	Amount Set	Amount Paid	Amount Set	Amount Paid
30		31		32	33	34	35	36a	36b	37a	37b
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1	ANCHORAGE										
2	Anchor Park	4726	400		4800	900	50	4564	4564		
3	East Anchorage	1061	4902	584	3851	81		938	938		
4	First	2805		628	15291		549	4958	4958		45
5	Girdwood	128		16	24						
6	St. John	1946	168	160	1560	40		840	840		
7	Hope										
8	Turnagain	1210	200	413	6953		57	4562	4562		
9	Chugiak	2205		419	3061	133	50	1400	1400		
10	Fairbanks	4779	2731	1984	7663			5279	5279		11
11	Wesley Foundation										
12	HOMER PARISH										
13	Anchor Point										
14	Homer		203	317*	855*			645	645		
15	Ninilchik	215	8	42	29			350	350		
16	Seldovia			107*	237*			75	75		
17	JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH										
18	Douglas		1218	502	441			1575	1575		
19	Juneau	381		271*	7101*			4666	4666		
20	KENAI PARISH										
	Kenai	142	656	715	1495			3939	3939		
	North Kenai		73	59	195						
	Soldotna	1262	2579	84	1186			175	175		
	Ketchikan	5278	1370	1280	6013			4375	4375		
	Wone			271	2792	350		292	292		
	Seward		146	255	1306			893	893		
	Moose Pass			18				233	233		
	Sitka	1930	150	270	3710	40		560	560		
TOTALS FOR 7 MONTH PERIOD		28068	14804	8395	68563	1544	706	40319	40319		50
*Based on 67-68 reports because of omissions on 68 reports.		Total	Total Last Year	Increase							
		Decrease									
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THIS REPORT IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM June 1 19 68 TO December 31 19 68

CHURCH AND CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	CONNECTIONAL FUND								TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUND				TOTAL MISSIONS AND CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES				TOTAL MISSIONS AND CONFERENCE EXPENDITURES			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ANCHORAGE																					
Anchor Park	Leo C. Cramer												396		676				676		
East Anchorage	Max W. Cramer												74		126				126		
First	Eugene H. Walters												917		1566				1566		
Girdwood	Donald L. Hartman												13		22				22		
St. John	Howard L. DeVore												122		208				208		
Hope													9		15				15		
Turnagain	Charles W. Horner												331		520				535		
Chugiak	John J. Shaffer												152		260				270		
Fairbanks	David K. Eison												642		1099				1099		
Wesley Foundation	L. Eugene Groves																				
HOMER PARISH	James H. Thompson																				
Anchor Point													17		30				30		
Homer													105		156				187		
Ninilchik													53		59				101		
Seldovia													28		37				43		
JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH																					
Douglas	William G. Trudesu												130		223				258		
Juneau	Thomas H. Dahl												404		690				870		
KENAI PARISH																					
Kenai	Robert W. Nelson												135		230				278		
North Kenai																					
Soldotna	John H. Walther												47		82				82		
Ketchikan	Walter R. Warner												422		720				720		
Nome	Ernest H. Jones												152		260				260		
Seward	Robert D. Bowers												192		252				322		
Moose Pass													24		37				37		
Sitka	John R. Tindell												99		156				160		
TOTALS FOR 7 MONTH PERIOD													4474		7424				7865		
Total																					
Total Last Year																					
Increase																					
Decrease																					

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BENEVOLENCES										OTHER CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES										GRAND TOTAL (Sum 1-20)	LIST NO.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
		54		15		100			35	5				75						18048	1
				80	39	10			100	71	272									11928	2
				9	3				41	11										35945	3
		83		53					141	25		375								524	4
		59		83		25			50	20										5475	5
																				58	6
																				17455	7
																				9020	8
																				28613	9
																					10
		35							69		25									74	11
				10					21											2628	12
		45							20											989	13
																				595	14
						30			60	4										5106	15
						30														15678	16
3				49						9				51						11091	17
				38					65	14										434	18
		44		41	20	14			154	71										6366	19
				56	9	30			25	22										21619	20
				35					76	17										4543	
		47							85											4830	
																				510	
																				8309	
3	367			469	71	239		942	269	297	375		126							209858	

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 THIS REPORT IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 19 69 TO MAY 31 19 69

123 MC	CHURCH AND CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES						PASTOR'S SALARY		ASSOCIATE (S) SALARY	
			Personal and General Expenses, including, etc.	Buildings and Improvements, including, etc.	Church School, Sunday School, Extension, etc.	Other General Expenses, etc.	W E L	Methodist Extension	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26a	26b	27a	27b
1	ANCHORAGE											
2	Anchor Park	Leo C. Cramer		750	500	2000	552	101		3256		
3	East Anchorage	Nex W. Cramer	3026	532	539	1424	34			670		
4	First	Eugene H. Walters	6165	470	1547	6977	392	25		3758		
5	Girdwood	Donald L. Hartman	76			27						
6	St. John	Howard L. DeVore	823	170	657	3426	73	191		600		
7	Hope											
8	Turnagain	Charles W. Horner	730		624	3585	271			2654		
9	Chugiak	John J. Shaffer	2197		161	1715	230			1000		
10	Fairbanks	David K. Eison	6875	4122	2854	5055		1995		3902		
11	Wesley Foundation	L. Eugene Groves										
12	HOMER PARISH	James H. Thompson										
13	Anchor Point											
14	Homer				88					372		
15	Ninilchik		153	5	30					250		
16	Seldovia				21					13		
17	JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH											
18	Douglas	William G. Trudeau		30	91	1089	163	75		1125		
19	Juneau	Thomas H. Dahl	519	898	443	11477	947	200		2452		
20	KENAI PARISH											
	Kenai	Robert W. Nelson	1113	1096	485	3250	479			7292		
	North Kenai			500	220	1328						
	Soldotna	John H. Walther	303	82	114	1454		25		136		
	Ketchikan	Walter R. Warner	506		165	4265	429			5125		
	None	Ernest H. Jones		64	474	3443	425			208		
	Seward	Robert D. Bowers		7	111	1160	352			638		
	Moose Pass				6	76				167		
	Sitka	John R. Tindell	2753		190	1830	150	30		417		
	TOTALS FOR 5 MONTH PERIOD		25239	8726	9320	53586	4497	2642		27027		
		Total										
		Total Last Year										
		Increase										
		Decrease										

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT																		1951 TOTAL	
LOCAL CHURCH			WARRANTY/STIPEND FUND			WELFARE FUND			BENEFIT SUPERANNUITY FUND		SPECIAL FUND		OTHER THAN LOCAL CHURCH CONFERENCE CLOSURE FUND		PENSION SALARY FUND		TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT OTHER THAN LOCAL CHURCH		
Year	Total Paid 31a	Paid 31b	Appropriated 31c	Total Paid 32a	Paid 32b	Appropriated 32c	Total Paid 33a	Appropriated 33b	Paid 33c	Appropriated 34a	Paid 34b	Appropriated 35a	Paid 35b	Appropriated 36a	Paid 36b	Appropriated 37a	Paid 37b		
5458	3256 670 7216	588 625	 625 250	588 1250 250	600 390	 375	600 765										447 84 1027 15 138 10 330 172 728	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
717	600 2654 1000 4619	125 766 83 625	 156	125 766 83 781	 500 500 706		 500 500 706										11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20		
	375 750 13	83 44 233	 83 44	 468 233	468 556 594		468 556 594										19 17 147 457 152	21 22 23 24 25	
	1125 2452	250 263		250 263	500 424 509 198		500 424 509 198										54 477 172	26 27 28	
	2291 125 3125 208	334 63 500		334 63 500	500 424 509 198		500 424 509 198										102 25 99	29 30 31	
	638 167 417	542 84 333		542 84 333	250 450		250 450											32 33 34	
75	31202	5541	1031	6572	6636	375	7011										4735		

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THIS REPORT IS FOR THE PERIOD FROM January 1 19 69 TO May 31 19 69

LIST NO.	CHURCH AND CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	CONNECTIONAL FUND										WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE ASSISTANCE			GENERAL EDUCATION FUND	
			AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1	ANCHORAGE																
2	Anchor Park	Leo C. Craner											483			483	
3	East Anchorage	Max W. Craner											90			90	
4	First	Eugene H. Walters											1119			1119	
5	Girdwood	Donald L. Hartman											16			16	
6	St. John	Howard L. DeVore											148			148	
7	Hope												11			11	
8	Turnagain	Charles W. Horner											371			356	
9	Chugiak	John J. Shaffer											185			176	
10	Fairbanks	David K. Fison											285			285	
11	Wesley Foundation	L. Eugene Groves															
12	HONER PARISH	James H. Thompson											21			21	
13	Anchor Point												111			79	
14	Homer												42			0	
15	Minilichik												27			21	
16	Seldovia																
17	JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH	William G. Trudeau											159			195	
18	Douglas	Thomas H. Dahl											493			493	
19	Juneau																
20	KENAI PARISH												164			164	
	Kenai	Robert W. Nelson															
	North Kenai												58			58	
	Soldotna	John H. Walther											515			515	
	Ketchikan	Walter R. Warner											181			186	
	None	Ernest H. Jones															
	Seward	Robert D. Bowers											180			110	
	Moose Pass												27			27	
	Sitka	John R. Tindell											111			107	
	TOTALS FOR 5 MONTH PERIOD												5303			5160	
		Total															
		Total Last Year															
		Increase															
		Decrease															
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APPOINTMENTS 1969-1970

CHARGE	MINISTER	YEARS IN CHARGE	YEAR TO MISSION
Superintendent	Ac C. Wischmeier	(1)	1969
Director of Program Council	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	(7)	1963
Anchorage:			
Anchor Park	Leo C. Cramer	(5)	1963
East Anchorage	Max Cramer	(4)	1966
First	Eugene Walters	(3)	1964
First Associate, Girdwood	Donald Hartman	(4)	1966
St. John, Hope	Howard L. DeVore	(4)	1962
Turnagain	Charles Horner	(6)	1964
Chugiak	L. Eugene Groves	(1)	1963
Fairbanks:			
First	David K. Fison	(4)	1960
First Assoc., Wesley Foundation	Robert Nelson	(1)	1965
Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia and Ninilchik	James H. Thompson	(4)	1966
Juneau and Douglas Larger Parish:			
Douglas	William G. Trudeau	(2)	1968
Juneau	John J. Shaffer	(1)	1962
Kenai Parish:			
Kenai	Robert Bowers	(1)	1967
North Kenai	James R. Fellers	(1)	1969
Soldotna	John H. Walther	(2)	1968
Ketchikan	Walter Warner	(3)	1966
Nome	Ernest H. Jones	(2)	1963
Seward, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing	Gary Lueck	(1)	1969
Sitka	John R. Tindell	(5)	1965
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity Claim)			
President, AMU	Fred P. McGinnis	(10)	1950
Chaplain & Prof. of Religion, AMU	Richard R. Gay	(10)	1961
Director, Model Cities Agency, City of Juneau	Thomas H. Dahl	(1)	1964
Supt., Jesse Lee Home	Richard Gilbert	(5)	1965
Deaconess, Jesse Lee Home	Jean Morgan	(9)	1961
	Cynthia Brooks	(5)	1965

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